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SOVIET COMBATS CRITICISM.

LITVINOFF CLAIMS GOOD FAITH.

ADOPTS MODERATE TONE BUT ATTACKS BRITAIN.

NO TIME FOR LEAGUE.

Geneva, Mar. 22.
A moderate tone was adopted by M. Litvinoff, the principal Russian delegate to the Disarmament Committee, when he rose to-day to endeavour to refute the vigorous criticisms of the Soviet total disarmament plan made by Lord Cushead, the British delegate.
M. Litvinoff made a very long statement in attempting to meet the allegations, dwelling at considerable length on the Soviet's efforts in the cause of peace.

No Submission to League.

He cited the Soviet's voluntary co-operation with the Disarmament Commission as evidence of the good faith of the Russian Government, but made it clear that her co-operation at Geneva did not imply that the Soviet had undertaken to submit to any of the rulings of the League of Nations.

The attitude taken by the Soviet in the matter was that it would only consider itself bound by acts drawn up by the Committee and the Disarmament Conference.

U.S. Attitude Cited.

M. Litvinoff sought to meet criticisms on that score by citing the reservations made by the United States delegation that it could not accept the jurisdiction of the League, and urged the United States position in support of the Soviet attitude to the League.

The Russian delegate then referred to the notorious Zinovieff Letter, described it as a fraud, and ventured criticism of Great Britain by pointing to what he described as her intervention in China and Persia.

Prepared to Co-operate If—

M. Litvinoff concluded by intimating that he was prepared to continue co-operation with the Committee if the Committee declared its acceptance of the principle of total disarmament.

Lord Cushead, during his speech on Tuesday, proposed that the Soviet scheme should be submitted to the various Governments concerned for consideration, and to-day Baron Clausel (France) seconded the proposal.

It has been announced that Spain has decided to rejoin the League of Nations in response to the recent invitation to reconsider the matter.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH SUBMARINE COLLIDES.

HIT DESTROYER ON RISING TO PERISCOPE DEPTH.

London, Mar. 22.
The Admiralty announces that the submarine L4 on rising to periscope depth collided with the destroyer H.M.S. Thruster. The damage appears to be confined to both periscopes and one periscope standard.—*British Wireless.*
[The message appears to have been mutilated in transit as the L4 is in Hongkong and was the submarine concerned in the "Irene" piracy affair. The submarine which is damaged is probably one of the some class attached to the Portsmouth division.]

DEATH PENALTY IN EAST INDIES.

DUTCH NOT IN FAVOUR OF ABOLITION.

The Hague, Mar. 22.
The Second Chamber has rejected the resolution of the Social Democrat, Heer Kleerekoper, asking the Minister of the Colonies to take up with the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, the question of the desirability of considering the abolition of the death penalty.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH TRADE IN FAR EAST.

PREPARING FOR STRENUOUS COMPETITION.

WOOLLENS & COTTON.

London, Mar. 22.
Sir Kenneth Stewart, the vice-chairman of the China Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, expressed the opinion to-day that Lancashire's trade relations with the Far East were distinctly better than they were a year or two ago.

It might, he said, be rather Utopian to expect that Lancashire would fully regain her domination of the China market, but there was some hope that China would henceforth become a continually increasing factor of Lancashire trade.

The most hopeful sign from the Lancashire point of view was the fact that the intense anti-British feelings had now subsided and had been replaced, at least, by a moderately friendly attitude towards Great Britain.

Presiding at a gathering of the British Research Association for the woolen and worsted industries, held at Bradford, Sir James Hinchcliffe said that the keenest manufacturing competition in the future would be found in the Far East. It could only be met by increased application of scientific research to the wool textile industry.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT NON-COMMITTAL.

ATTITUDE ON TELEGRAPH MERGER.

FREEDOM OF ACTION.

London, Mar. 22.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, answering in the House of Commons a number of questions regarding the wireless and cable telegraph services.

He said the Government and the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference had no previous knowledge of the details of, and no responsibility for, the financial arrangement recently made for the merger of the Eastern Telegraph and the Marconi Companies.

As regards the Government's attitude on the general question of wireless telegraphs, he could make no statement in advance of the reports from the Imperial Wireless Conference which only on Monday received the proposals for the merger of the Eastern Telegraph and the Marconi Companies.

But as to the attitude of the Government towards wireless in Great Britain, he thought it right to say that the Government, while prepared to join in discussing measures for a working arrangement with the amalgamated Eastern Telegraph and Marconi Companies, was not committed even in principle, and reserved freedom of action in regard to any proposals for the transfer to the combine of the operation and control of the Imperial Wireless Service at present administered by the Government.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH CRUISERS IN S. AMERICA.

NEW DEPARTURE BY THE ADMIRALTY.

London, Mar. 22.
The British Admiralty have recently arranged for two cruisers to be present in South American waters during the major part of the year. It is probable that one of the two cruisers will spend most of her time on the west coast of the South American continent and the other on the East coast. They will continue to be based with the remaining ships of the squadron on Bermuda.—*British Wireless.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

NEWPORT SCORES ONLY GOAL.

London, Mar. 22.
At Newport to-day in the Third Division (South) of the English League, Newport defeated Exeter City by 1 goal to nil.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN NAVAL VISIT.

HONGKONG WELCOMES U.S. SHIPS.

ADMIRAL BRISTOL MAKES OFFICIAL LANDING.

MORE BOATS COMING.

Hongkong extended a hearty welcome to part of the United States Asiatic Fleet, which arrived from Manila at eight o'clock this morning, when the flagship Pittsburg, with Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, Commander-in-Chief, on board, entered the port, accompanied by the U.S.S. Paul Jones, flagship of the Destroyer Squadron, and the U. S. S. Beaver, with a division of six submarines. Captain Blakely commands the Paul Jones, with Commander R. S. Culp as officer in charge of the submarines. Mrs. Bristol, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, also arrived here by passenger liner.

Further units of the Asiatic Fleet are due here on Tuesday morning, these being the U.S.S. Gladiator and U.S.S. Henderson, together with the destroyers Parrott, Edsall, Macleish, Simpson, Bulmar and McCormick. These are commanded by Division Commander J. M. Smealie.

Aerial Display.

On entering the harbour, Admiral Bristol gave the customary "salute to port" which was returned from Kowloon, after which the usual naval salutes were exchanged. The U.S.S. Pittsburg then tied up at buoy A 1, the U.S.S. Beaver with the six submarines went to buoy A. 25 and the U.S.S. Paul Jones to naval buoy No. 4.

The arrival of the American warships was further marked by an aerial display by seaplanes from H.M.S. Hermes and land planes from the Kai Tak Aerodrome, which carried out some effective evolutions.

At nine o'clock, Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Consul General for the U. S. in Hongkong, paid an official call on Admiral Bristol and, on leaving about half an hour later, was saluted with eleven guns.

Official Landing.

At 9.30, Admiral Bristol left his flagship in a launch, accompanied by his Chief of Staff, Captain Kenneth G. Castleman, and Lieutenant Commander Charles J. Wheeler, his Flag Lieutenant, to make his official landing at Queen's Pier, where he was welcomed by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., representing His Excellency the Governor, Major Allan, Headquarter Staff, representing His Excellency Major General C. C. Luard, Sir Victor Mackenzie (commanding the Scots Guards) and Mr. R. C. Tredwell. When he landed, Admiral Bristol received a salute from the Kowloon shore battery.

Outside the pier, was drawn up a guard of honour composed of men from the Scots Guards, who were inspected by the visiting Admiral. After the inspection, Admiral Bristol proceeded to Government House, accompanied by Capt. Whyte and Mr. Tredwell.

Later in the day His Excellency the Governor paid an official call on the U.S.S. Pittsburg and during the course of the morning other calls were made by H.E. Major General Luard, Commodore Pearson and Captain Hopgood, of H.M.S. Hermes.

Although the complete programme is not yet available, it is understood that dinners are being given to Admiral Bristol and staff by His Excellency the Governor, H.E. Major General Luard, Commodore Pearson and Mr. Tredwell.

Visit to Canton.

Later, Admiral Bristol will visit Canton, arriving there on March 30, and tentative arrangements have already been made for the visit. He will, it is understood, pay calls on Chinese Government officials and be the guest at a dinner dance, while he will also make a sight-seeing tour. Mrs. Bristol, who will also make the visit, is to be entertained by prominent Chinese ladies.

In Hongkong, there is a prospect of baseball games being arranged between the American crews and local teams, and Mr. Tredwell, the Secretary of the

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ATTACK ON WORLD'S AIR RECORD.

R.A.F. PILOTS INVITED TO VOLUNTEER.

LT. KINKEAD'S DEATH.

London, Mar. 22.
Royal Air Force pilots are being invited to volunteer for the attack on the world's air speed record which will be made at Calshot in about six weeks' time. Hundreds of applicants are expected and the pilot considered to have the best qualifications from the standpoint of physique and experience in high speed flights, will be selected.

A Supermarine Napier S5, similar to that in which the late Flight Lieutenant Kinkead was to have made the effort, will be used.

Fatal Fuel?

Sir Samuel Hoare, stated, in reply to a question in the House of Commons that the fuel used by Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead when he was killed while making a speed test at Calshot, was a special fuel.

"ROYAL OAK" AFFAIR DISCLOSURE.

Crew Cheered Captain and Commander.

REAR-ADM. COLLARD ON HALF-PAY.

London, Mar. 22.
During the debate on the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, Commander Bellairs declared that when Captain Daniel Dewar and Commander Daniel were ordered home, and left H.M.S. Royal Oak, the whole of the battleship's crew rushed to the side and cheered them as they departed.

Commander Bellairs mentioned that as Rear-Admiral Collard is now on half-pay, he could not be court-martialled.—*Reuter.*

which had been used by the experimental establishment, and by two service squadrons over prolonged tests.

There was no evidence to show that fumes from this petrol disabled the deceased officer.

He added that the Ministry was following the question very closely. Medical officers in the Royal Air Force had been instructed to investigate the question very carefully.—*British Wireless.*

PLAYING WITH STATE FUNDS?

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF HIGH OFFICIALS IN RUSSIA.

Moscow, Mar. 22.
The trial has opened in the High Court involving the two biggest private Mutual Credit Societies in Moscow, it being alleged that they have been unlawfully receiving state funds for profiteering operations.

In all forty-two men are accused, the number including the chairman and directors of the Societies, a number of officials from the State Bank, and the People's Commissariat of Finance.

The People's Commissar is alleged to have helped the Societies to obtain State credits.

The accused are being sued for 6,000,000 roubles.—*Reuter.*

PIRATE OUTRAGE AT TAIPIINGSHAN.

TWO TOWBOAT PASSENGERS KILLED.

Two passengers were killed and seven wounded on a passenger towboat passing Tai Ping Shan, a notorious pirate den near Samahai, a few days ago, according to an unconfirmed report from Chinese sources. The attack on the towboat was the result of the refusal to submit to the pirate demand for payment of tribute. The gang opened fire from the shore sending several volleys of the bullets into the towboat.

SHAMEEN ISSUES DISCUSSED.

ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING.

CO-OPERATION OF CHINESE OFFICIALS.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Important Municipal matters were dealt with at the annual meeting of the ratepayers of the British Concession at Shameen, recently held at the Consulate-General, with Mr. J. F. Brennan (Consul-General) in the chair. There was a large attendance, representative of 109 votes. The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary (Mr. E. G. Evans).

A lengthy address was given by Mr. R. K. Batchelor, the Chairman of the Municipal Council, in the course of which he recorded that the year had passed without any untoward incident on Shameen, whilst the most cordial relations had existed with the Chinese officials with whom the Council had come into municipal matters were discussed, including the Nursing Home and the future of the boat-house.

Relations with Chinese.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Batchelor said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—The Municipal report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period, and, I think, are comprehensive enough for me not to have to explain many items. Those ratepayers who were resident in Shameen during the whole year under review will have been pleased doubtless to see the period pass without any untoward incidents and although it is much to be regretted that our Chinese friends in the city have had more than their fair share of the trouble, the island has not been directly affected.

In this connexion, I would like to say that the Council throughout the year have had the most cordial relations with the Chinese Officials with whom they have come in contact and I think special mention should be made of the Police. Captain Clements has been fully supported in every way, not only by the City Police, but by the Water Police also.

Police Praised.

Referring to the Municipal Police, this body of men has given every satisfaction during the year and, although from time to time called upon to do extra duties, were always willing and efficient. From the report you will see that Captain Clements has singled out a few of his men for special mention and I feel sure you will agree with his remarks. During the absence of Mr. Watson on leave, Captain Clements acted in the capacity of Secretary also and carried out this duty to the entire satisfaction of the Council. In this connexion I would like to thank on behalf of the ratepayers Mr. A. Macfarlane and Mr. McFerran for acting as Consulting Engineers to the Waterworks during Mr. Watson's absence of eight months.

In regard to the Fire Brigade, this has been working as an efficient unit under the guidance of Captain Clements and although the year is sufficient to meet immediate requirements, ratepayers must not lose sight of the fact that some gear must be replaced in the near future. From the Report on Page 2, you will see that the Boat House has been mentioned, but as this will be referred to again in the form of a resolution I shall not say anything further now.

Waterworks Anxiety.

I would now refer to the waterworks. The consumption of water has given your Council some anxious moments as it will be seen that the increased consumption amounts to 13,459,800 gallons over the same period of 1927. It must be remembered, however, that 1927 was a full working year whilst in addition, a number of troops were stationed on the Concession.

In comparing this year's figures to those of 1923, the consumption is about the same this year, but the pumps etc., being four years older are not working, perhaps, as efficiently. The Medical Officer of Health in his report refers to the quality of the water, but he

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CATHOLIC FATHER'S DEATH.

EUROPEAN & TWO CHINESE CHARGED.

A NEGLIGENT ACT?

Singapore, Mar. 15.

Following the death on Tuesday night of the Rt. Rev. Mariette of the Roman Catholic Mission, from an injury received that afternoon from a falling plank from the church under construction at Rompong Bahru, a Chinese workman was arrested.

It was alleged that a scaffolding was being demolished, and that the plank in question was dropped by the arrested man without previous warning to those below.

He was charged before the Third Police Magistrate (Mr. C. H. Dakkers) yesterday afternoon with causing death by a rash and negligent act.

With him was produced Tan Ah Lim, the Chinese contractor, on a charge of abetment of that offence. This morning Mr. George Arthur Scott, the European supervisor engaged on the building, was remanded on bail of \$1,000 on a charge of causing death by rash act.

All three cases will be mentioned again on March 21.

KING AMANULLAH MARVELS.

FRESH SURPRISES FOR ROYAL VISITOR.

VISIT TO GREENWICH.

London, Mar. 22.

King Amanullah, of Afghanistan to-day undertook a launch trip down the Thames and was keenly interested in what he saw.

Many big ships, including the White Star liner, Megantic, in the King George Fifth Dock, were passed and he inspected the great 160-ton lifting derrick which is the latest acquisition.

Customs sheds and the immense warehouses where merchandise is stored, were pointed out to the King and he was astonished at the magnitude of dock.

Visiting Greenwich Observatory, King Amanullah was conducted round by Sir Frank Dyson, the Astronomer Royal. He inspected the octagon room, the original observatory, founded by Charles II in 1675, and designed by Christopher Wren.

He looked through the giant 28-inch telescope which weighs three and a half tons and is the largest in Europe. It had been hoped to show him a star of the first magnitude but the sky was too cloudy and there were no planets in a position favourable for observation.—*British Wireless.*

SURPRISE VERDICT.

NATIVE STUDENTS ACQUITTED IN HOLLAND.

The Hague, Mar. 22.

A decision has been rendered in the case against four native students from the Dutch East Indies who were charged with inflammatory incitement of the public against the Government in their vernacular newspaper.

They had been held in detention since September, and on March 9th, at the close of the trial, the Public Prosecutor urged that heavy sentences should be passed. The tribunal to-day acquitted the accused.—*Reuter.*

YANGTSZE DISPUTE.

GEN. YANG SEN ACHIEVES COMPROMISE.

Hankow, Mar. 22.

It is reported that Lo Chün, an emissary of Tang Sen-chi has arrived here. Another report states that General Yang Sen has compromised with opposing generals on matters regarding tax questions.—*Napal Wireless.*

SINGAPORE BASE BLUNDER?

LABOUR'S CRITICAL ATTITUDE.

WARSHIPS MAY BE CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN TRAP.

THE GENEVA FAILURE.

London, Mar. 22.

Beneficial influences which affected the Geneva Naval Conference were mentioned by Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) when the Navy Estimates were placed before the House of Commons in the report stage to-day.

Commander Kenworthy said he did not lay the whole blame for the failure at the conference to reach a compromise with America on our delegates, and certainly not on our technical advisers.

There were certain interests in the engineering, armour-plate rolling and arms trade which exercised a baneful influence at Geneva, and there was also the Big Navy Group in America.

Commander Kenworthy hoped that our 1925 programme would be further amended.

Worth Snap of Fingers.

Mr. C. G. Ammon (Lab.), referring to the Singapore Base, invited the House to notice the distinct change of policy on the part of the Government, which he declared bore out the Opposition contention that the scheme was impracticable and likely to result in a tremendous waste of money. The floating dock was not worth a snap of the fingers in war-time.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, dealing with the Geneva Conference, said that if we had any reason to suppose that eight-inch gun-cruisers would be limited in the future by other countries, Great Britain would repeat her previous comments; that we are quite willing to stop building eight-inch gun-cruisers.

Reason for Breakdown.

He emphasised that the Conference broke down on the question of total tonnage and not on eight-inch guns, and he hoped that if feelings were not aroused and no mischief done as between Britain and America, with the advance made at Geneva, we could make some satisfactory limitation in the not very distant future.

The Commons agreed to the report stage of the Naval Estimates after a debate by 170 votes to 97 on a motion by Mr. Ammon for a reduction of £100 in respect of the Singapore Base, in which connexion Mr. Mardy-Jones referred to the danger in certain circumstances of vessels being caught like rats in a trap.

Mr. Mardy-Jones pointed out the difficulties surrounding the Johore causeway and asked whether blunder had not been made which would have to be righted in the future.

Expenditure on Singapore.

In the course of the debate, a question was asked regarding expenditure on the Singapore Base, and Lieut. Colonel Headlam stated that the total Admiralty expenditure up to the present was £508,000. This year it was proposed to spend a further £228,000 plus £300,000 on the floating dock.

Towards that expenditure the Admiralty had received £278,000 from Hongkong, the Malay States and New Zealand.

With regard to the rates of wages paid to the workers, there could be no question that they were not adequate. Some people in Singapore thought they were too adequate compared with the local rates of pay. Tenders for a great deal more of the work would be coming in by the end of March.—*Reuter.*

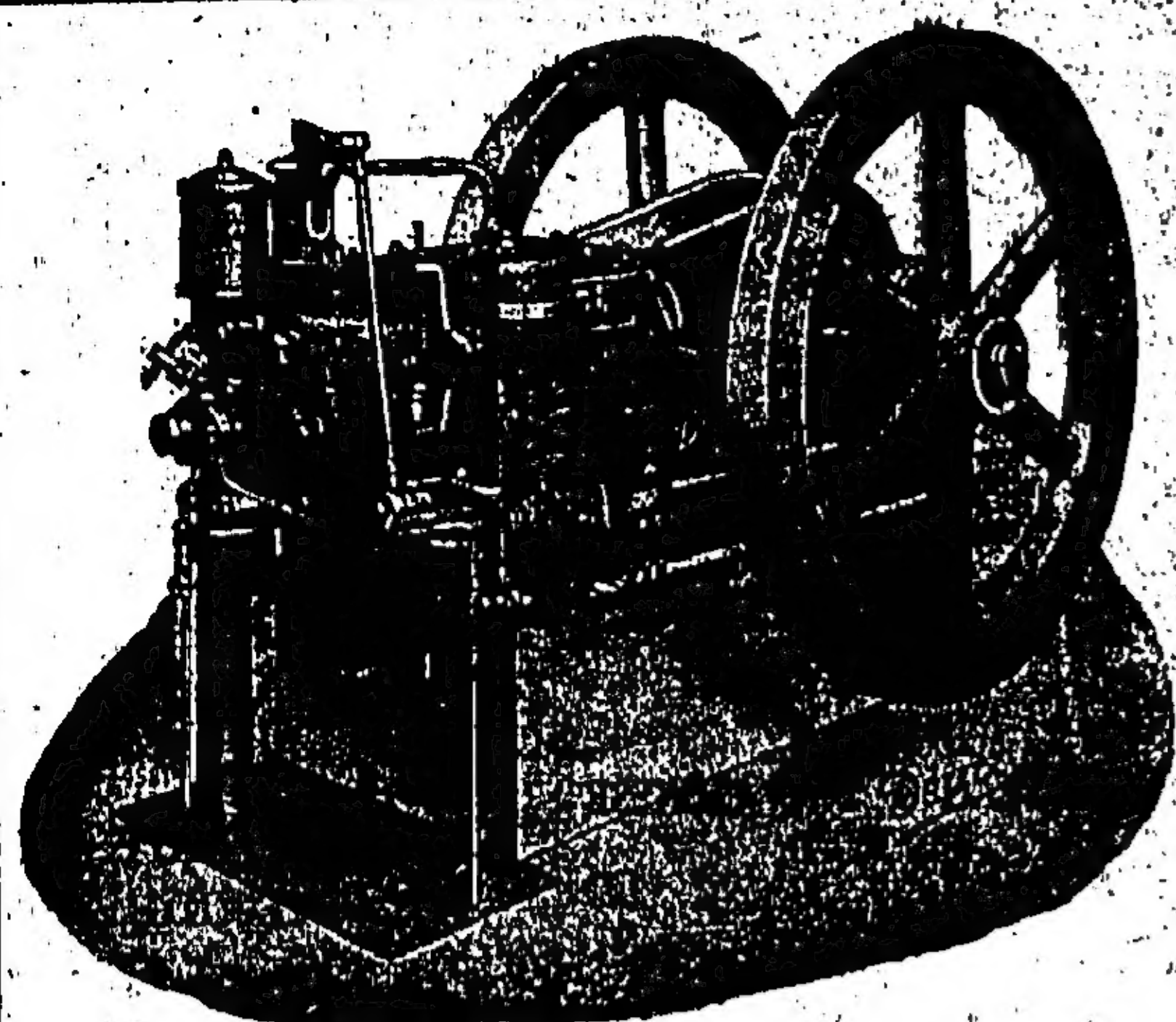
POPPY DAY ACHIEVES OBJECTIVE.

HALF MILLION STERLING COLLECTED.

London, Mar. 22.

It is announced by the organisers of the British Legion Appeal Fund that £504,000 has been received as the result of the Poppy Day Appeal, 1927.

The sum includes £28,891 subscribed by British communities overseas, both figures being new high levels.—*Reuter.*



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POLITICAL MOTIVE?

—Peking, Mar. 22.

It transpires that Chang Shou-tseng was invited to a singing house and assassinated there.

Chang Shou-tseng's son married a daughter of Feng Xu-shiang, and his daughter married Wu Pei-fu's adopted son. In view of these affiliations, it is believed there is a political motive for the crime, though Chang Shou-tseng outwardly had not participated in politics for some years.—Reuter.

[Chang Shou-tseng was born in 1870, at Tacheng, Chihli. He was a graduate of Tokyo Military College and in 1911 was commander-in-chief of the 20th division, with headquarters at Hsulumintan. In November, 1911, together with the late Lan T'ien-wei and Wu Lu-ch'ien (generally known as the "Three Heroes of North China") he declared sympathy with the revolutionists and compelled the Manchus to promulgate a constitution of nineteen articles. In 1912 he was appointed Minister at Shanghai, to expedite unification between North and South and Councillor to Yuan Shi-kai. In 1913-14 he was chief military officer, Suiyuan and Kueihua, and in 1916 was military inspector general. In June, 1922, he was appointed civil governor of Shenai but did not assume office. Two months later he was acting Minister of War. In January, 1923, his appointment as Premier was ratified by Parliament, and he was concurrently Minister of War and President of the commission on political rehabilitation. He was made a full general the following month. In September, 1923, when President Li Yuan-hung was forced out by Tiao Kun's faction, he fled to Tientsin. His decorations include the 2nd Class Order of Merit and the 1st Class Tashou Paokuang Chiao.]

CURIOUS INCIDENT.

SOLICITOR WITHDRAWS FROM ARMS CASE.

There was a curious incident in a case which came before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appearing for an unemployed Chinese on a charge of being in unlawful possession of twelve revolvers and 1,200 rounds of ammunition, asked permission to withdraw as he had been completely misinformed by his client.

According to the evidence of an Indian watchman, the defendant was seen to leave the dining saloon of the President Lincoln at 4.45 p.m. on February 19. He was carrying a leather suitcase which, from the manner of his walk, appeared to contain something heavy.

On reaching the gangway he was stopped and told to put the suitcase on the ground. On finding that the contents of the case were exceptionally heavy the watchman asked the defendant to produce the key and open the case for inspection. The accused replied that he did not have the key and he was taken to see the officers of the ship and Capt. Miller, the port captain of the Dollar Line.

The suitcase was finally opened, and on its being found to contain arms the defendant was taken to the Police station.

Completely Misinformed.

In reply to Mr. Russ, witness said that the bag was not locked. There was luggage being lowered over the side of the ship, but witness denied that the suitcase in question was among this luggage. Witness also denied that coolies were not allowed on the ship until 30 minutes after its arrival. If any of the passengers required coolies, the men were permitted on board immediately after the vessel's arrival.

Sergeant Fowler gave evidence of having witnessed the defendant being stopped and the suitcase being later taken to the officers.

When asked if he had any questions to ask the witness, Mr. Russ replied that he had no questions. Having heard the evidence, however, he would like to say that he had been completely misinformed and he would like, with the permission of the Court, to withdraw from the case and leave the Court.

Their Worships raised no objections to Mr. Russ' withdrawal and he then left the Court.

Capt. Miller was then called and he corroborated the watchman's evidence of having handed the suitcase. Witness said that the defendant was neither a passenger nor a member of the crew of the President Lincoln. He was on board without permission.

The defendant's statement to the Police was produced and showed that in reply to the charge he had said, "I was standing on the wharf when the bag dropped from the gangway."

Defendant denied to the Court that he was ever on board the ship or that he was carrying the bag. Sentence of four years' hard labour was imposed.

Pantry Boy Receives a Lenient Sentence.

A plea that he was ignorant of the law was put forward by Mr. C. E. L. Grist on behalf of a pantry boy of the s.s. Sphinx, who was charged before their Worships with being in possession of one revolver and 60 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. Grist entered a plea of guilty and asked for leniency. He said that the defendant was only 19 years old and was formerly a caddie at Fanning. He was entirely ignorant of the law. On the day of his arrest he had been asked to carry a parcel the contents of which he was unaware of.

Sub-Inspector Dorling said that the defendant was arrested at 12.20 p.m. on February 13. He was coming off the Sphinx with a

HOI CHEONG AFFAIR.

PIRATE HAUL OF \$70,000.

It will be recalled that after being fired on by pirates, the s.s. Hoi Cheong, a river steamer, was looted of all her cargo, which was worth about \$70,000, and was finally rescued through the timely arrival of a Chinese gunboat which escorted her to Canton. This is the story which was brought to Hongkong by the ship when she arrived here from Canton last night.

According to first reports, it appears that the Hoi Cheong was on a voyage from Hongkong to Wuchow on the West River when, at half past four on the morning of March 9, she was fired upon by a gang of pirates when she was near T'it Hau Kok, Sam Shui district, (Chinese territory). The pirates put off from the shore in sampans and boarded the vessel, of which they took command. They then steered her close to the shore at T'it Hau Kok, where half the cargo was taken ashore. The anchor was later raised, and she was taken two miles lower down the river, to a place known as San Hui, where the remainder of the cargo was looted.

At half-past-four on the afternoon of the same day the Chinese gunboat Kong Tai appeared on the scene and, on seeing the plight of the Hoi Cheong, opened fire on the pirates, who promptly jumped into their sampans which were alongside and reached the shore, where they disappeared.

About 40 Arrests.

After the matter had been explained to the commander of the Kong Tai, that ship escorted the pirated vessel to Canton. A call was made at Ha Hau, where the Customs House officials were informed of the occurrence.

On arriving at Canton the matter was reported to Admiral Chan Chat who immediately investigated, with the result that some 40 arrests were effected.

The pirates followed out their usual policy of kidnapping. They took with them the ship's commodore Wong Lam, who has not been seen or heard of since. In addition, seven other members of the commodore's department were also abducted.

The cargo consisted of piece-goods, dried fish, sugar, and sundries, the total value being some \$70,000. It is understood that the greater part of these goods was the property of Hongkong business houses.

There were in all about 100 pirates, of whom some 30 were armed with rifles and revolvers.

The Hoi Cheong is registered in Canton, and flies the Chinese flag. She is owned by the Chuen Yick Steamship Company, the local address being 25, Queen's Street, ground floor.

RAIDS IN JAPAN.

COMMUNISTS ROUNDED UP.

Shanghai, Mar. 22. The anti-Communist raids in Japan on March 15 were much more widespread than originally publicly known owing to the police placing the strictest ban on publication in the Japanese Press of anything in connexion with them. Raids were carried out simultaneously in Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Okayama, Fukuoka and Hokkaido and it is believed the arrests, which include a number of students, total about a thousand, but this cannot be verified.

All Communist headquarters, secret rendezvous and suspects' residences were visited and quantities of documents seized.—Reuter.

parcel under one arm and a Japanese musical instrument under the other. In the former was the revolver while the ammunition was in the box containing the instrument.

In view of the defendant's youth a sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed.

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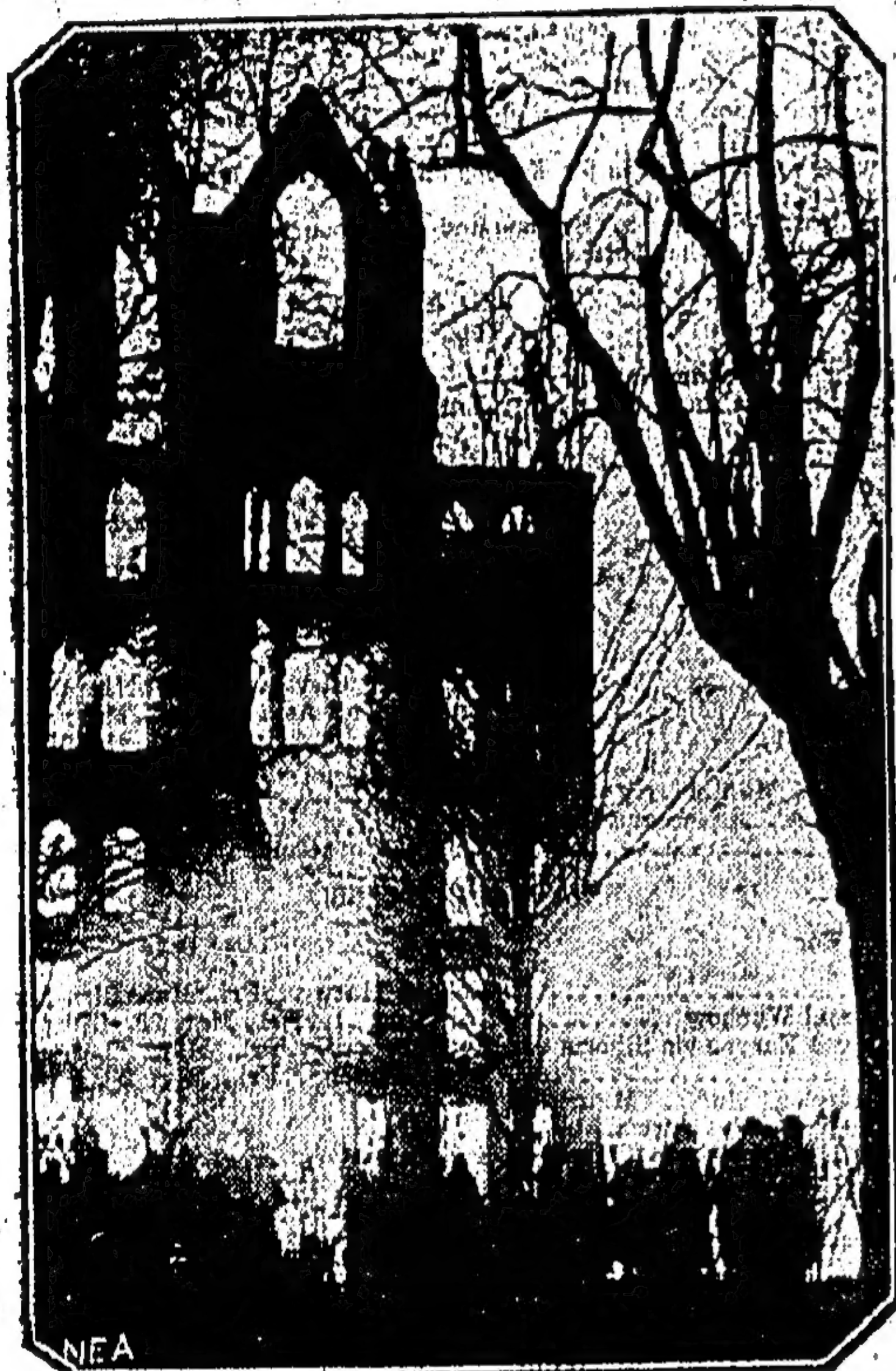
I JUST TURNED DOWN A HUNDRED DOLLAR SALE 'CAUSE IT WOULDN'T DO ME ANY GOOD!



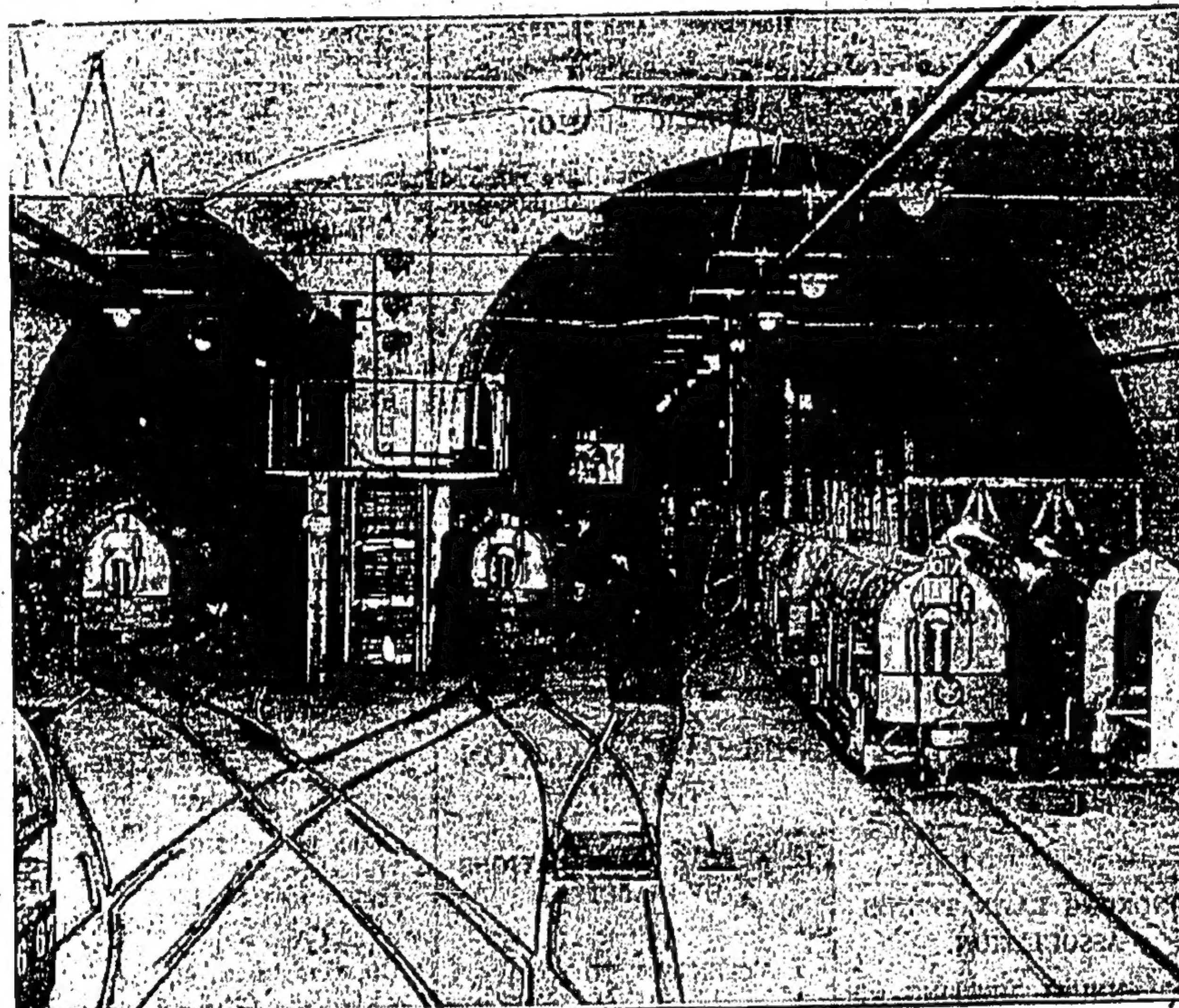
The miniature "Tube" railway between Whitechapel and Paddington, 6 1/2 miles, which was begun before the War for the London Postal Service, has now been completed, at a cost of £1,500,000. The first of its kind in the world, it links up the Eastern District Office, Liverpool Street Station, the G. P. O. and Mount Pleasant, the Western Offices and Paddington Station. Our picture shows loading up at Mount Pleasant; one of the trains with mailbags for Paddington. The bags come down from the Sorting Office and are placed into special containers, which fit into the three-compartment cars. The trains run on a 2 ft. gauge double track laid in one tunnel of 9 ft. diameter. (Times copyright.)



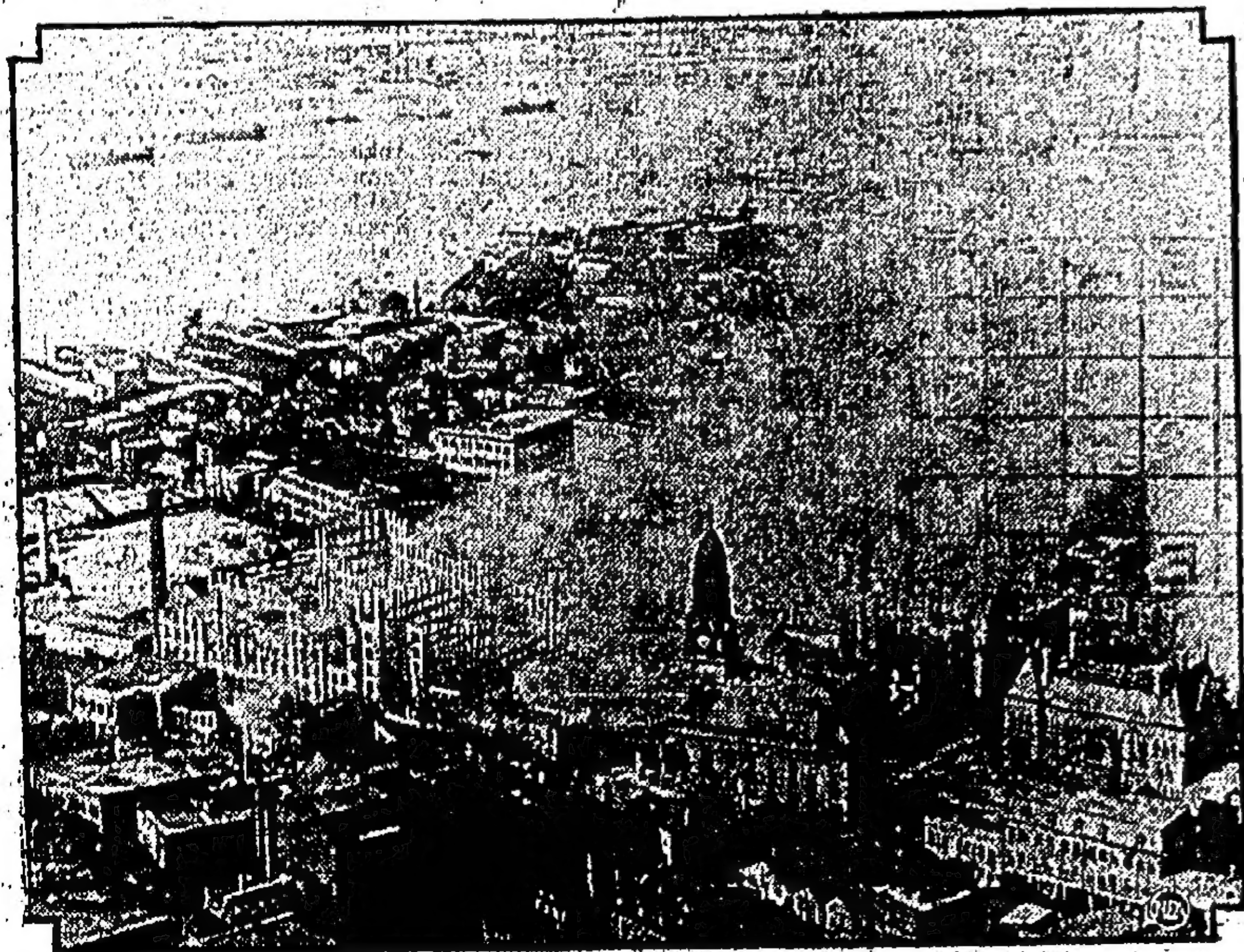
Miss Hutchinson-Joblin, a British film star, who has gone to the United States to taken up a contract in Hollywood.



The main building of Villanova College, Philadelphia was destroyed by fire recently, the damage exceeding \$2,000,000. The undergraduate volunteer firemen fought the blaze for hours before regular fire-fighters appeared.



The repair shop at Mount Pleasant, where the underground mail trains are overhauled. The line is designed for a two-minute service of trains running at 35 miles an hour. It has a daily carrying capacity of 23,000 bags. (Times copyright.)



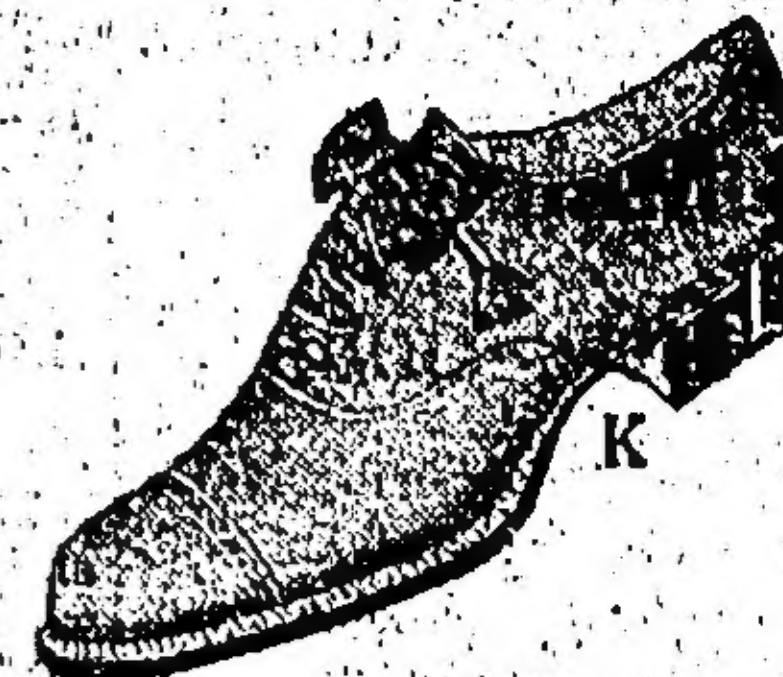
This comprehensive view of Fall River, Mass., while its catastrophic \$25,000,000 fire was sweeping through the main business district was taken from an aeroplane. In the left middle ground is the bleak skeleton of the Pocasset Mills, where the flames originated; black against the smoke stands the tower of the city hall and, beyond the burning buildings, Mt. Hope Bay.



King Amanullah and Queen Souriya, of Afghanistan, who are now the guests of Great Britain. The photograph was taken in Paris on their journey through Europe. The King and Queen are staying in England till the middle of April according to present arrangements.

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Shoes for Men

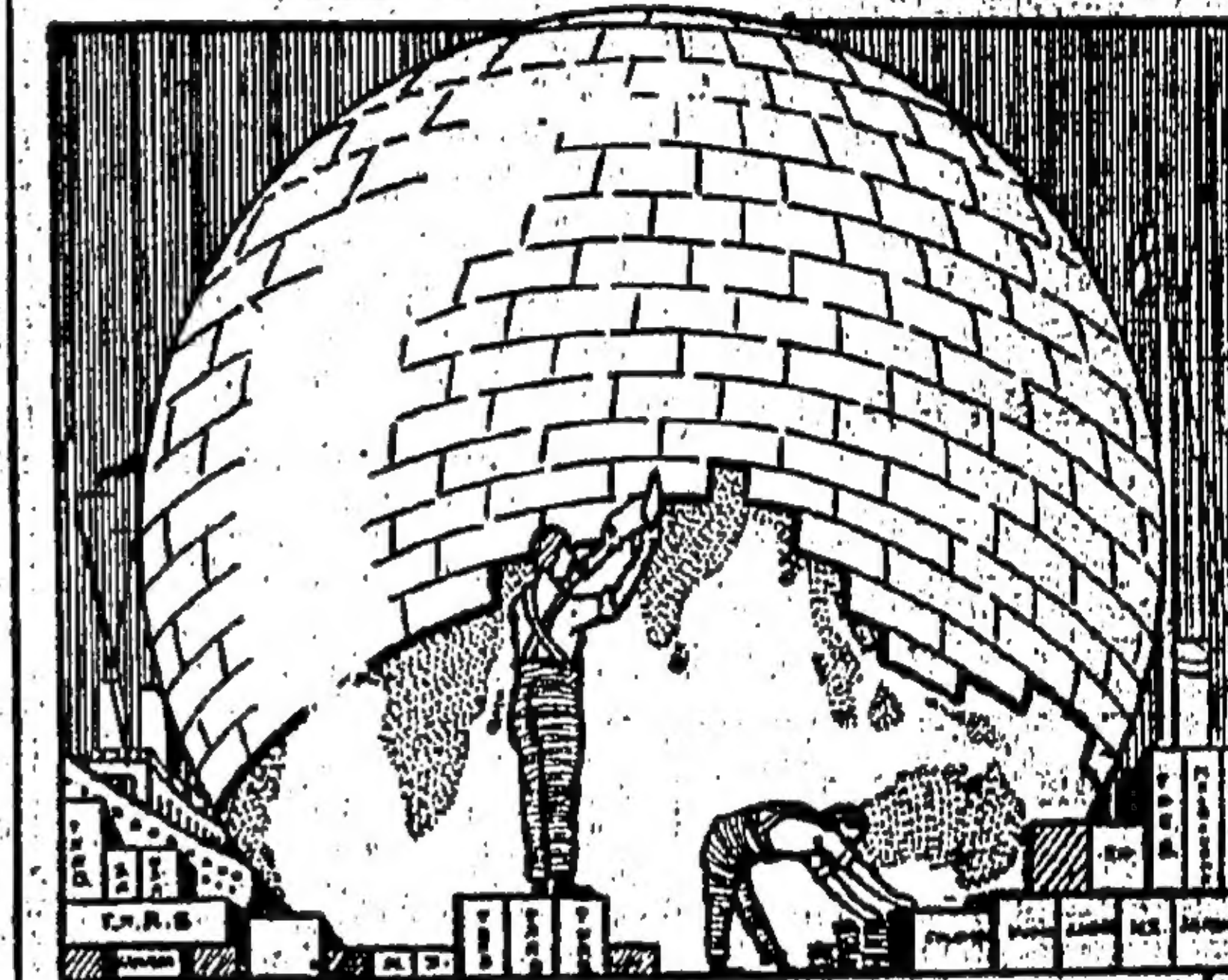


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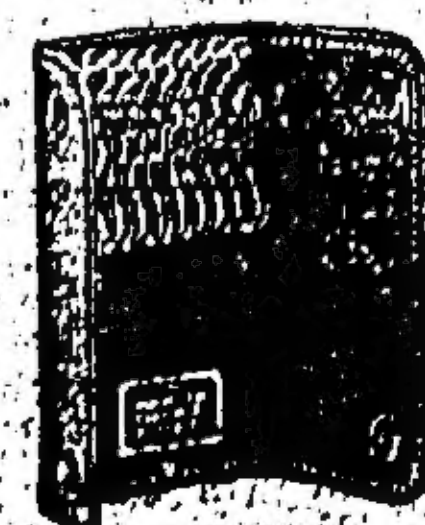
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WANTED TO BUY OR LEASE.—A Bathing Machine at Repulse Bay Beach. State Price and Terms to Box No. 341, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—16 Unused Japanese commemorative Stamps, 10, 4, 3, 1½ sen. In 4 complete sets \$1.40. Write S. W. Ching, 77, Leighton Hill Road, Top floor.

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TO LET.—From end of March to October, Peak. One European furnished HOUSE with three bedrooms, electricity, gas and flush. Five minutes from Peak Station. Apply to Box No. 327, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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COMMODOUS OFFICES to let in No. 7, Queen's Road Central, also two small offices in 1A, Chater Road. Apply E. D. Sassoon and Company, Ltd.

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Contributors who have paid the call made on the 5th day of October, 1928, in full, are requested to present their Share Certificates to the undersigned for endorsement.

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1928.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

The Twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on FRIDAY, 30th March, 1928, at 6 p.m. prompt.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of March, 1928, at 5.30 p.m. All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

B. O. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1928, at 11 a.m. The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 29th of March, to 2nd of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION.

The Eighth Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Saturday the 14th April, 1928, at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College.

Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, Chow Ping Un, Esq., c/o Assurance Franco-Asiatique. By order of the General Committee.

C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND KOWLOON.

From 17th March, 1928, until further notice, telephone service between Hongkong and Kowloon will be restricted owing to harbour dredging operations necessitating the removal of our submarine cables and resulting in a reduction in the number of junctions available to carry the telephone traffic between the above mentioned places.

A full service will be restored immediately dredging operations cease.

J. P. SHERRY,
Manager,
Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-third Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927. The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 22nd day of March, to Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1928.

G. S. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 64—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Tuesday, the 27th day of March, 1928, for the occupation for a period of one year from the date of notification of acceptance of tender of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th March, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$50 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1928.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1928.

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the H.K.C.C. Pavilion on MONDAY, 26th March, at 6 p.m. Clubs intending to participate in the League are requested to send representatives to this meeting.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

6, Duddell Street.
If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

Alderman S. T. Roebolham, of Stanley Farm, Bickersstaffe, near Ormskirk, prospective Socialist candidate for the Ormskirk Division of Lancashire, and a few friends have purchased the Bickersstaffe Collieries, Limited, as a going concern. The collieries were in danger of being closed, but are now to be reorganised. All the workers, numbering over 600, are to be retained.

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160 Piculs Glass Electric Colla.
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1 Case Soda Straws, all more or less damaged.
5 Cases Toothpicks, all more or less damaged.
1 Case containing Lead Pencils and Rubber Erasers, all more or less damaged.
25½ Dozen Antiphlogistine, all more or less damaged.

19 Pieces White Proofed Canvas, all more or less damaged.
1 Case Sanitary Napkins, all more or less damaged.
2 Cases Del Monte Sugar Peas, all more or less damaged.
8 Cartons Blotting Paper, all more or less damaged.
1 Sack Fungus, all more or less damaged.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 22, 1928.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY, the 27th March, 1928, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,
A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Monday, the 26th March, 1928.

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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

RESISTING COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES.

ATTENTION TO FEET.

Dr. J. J. Conybeare of Guy's Hospital, London, has formulated briefly some simple rules to be followed by every diabetic in order to resist the complications which may be the final factors in bringing about death. These are:

1. It is important to avoid undue exertion, either physical or mental. The latter is probably even more important than the former. A moderate amount of regular physical exercise is beneficial, but to what extent it may be indulged should be left to the decision of the medical attendant.

2. Special attention must be paid to the teeth, and regular visits should be made to the dental surgeon. Should any abscesses be discovered, the teeth affected must be extracted. The reason for this somewhat drastic action is that poisons are absorbed into the blood if an abscess is present, and these affect the pancreas.

3. The diabetic should pay particular attention to the feet: they should be washed daily, carefully dried, and sprinkled with boracic powder. Shoes must be large and not constrict the toes. Neglect of these precautions may lead to gangrene of the toes, a condition which often ends fatally.

4. Be careful to avoid constipation. The diabetic diet, with its high proportion of 5 per cent. vegetable, is in itself usually one which will tend to lead to regular action of the bowels.

5. Diabetics are more liable to infections such as influenza than normal people, and the results of such infections are far more serious in diabetics. In consequence it is wise in the presence of an epidemic to avoid places such as theatres, churches, etc., where the disease is likely to be contracted.

Whenever a diabetic feels ill from any cause he should at once get in touch with his doctor. It is prudent to avoid patent medicines, as not infrequently they contain a considerable amount of sugar.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1275 b.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$332 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asiatic, \$74 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$331 n.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$462 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.
China Firms, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$750 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$402 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$292 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$250 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$100 n.
Shall Trans., \$76 n.
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$2.35 n.
Kailans, \$6/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$16 n.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Raubas, \$44 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$141 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$483 n.
China Providents, \$6 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.80 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 100 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.75 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2. b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 55 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$94 s.
H. K. Lands, \$682 s.
S'hai Lands Tls. \$133 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Realities, \$8.20 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$251 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$642 n.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$18 b.
H'kong Electric, \$712 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones \$4.85 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Tractors, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$10 s.
Malabons, \$26 n.
Canton Icos, \$4 b.
Coments (Comb.) \$112 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$212 b.
Watsons, \$142 n.
Dur A Wing, \$1 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.
Macintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$292 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 61% Prem.

LETTER GOLF.

H	E	A	R	T
S	E	E	K	S

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in the given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEN, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word of common usage for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

All the pictures in the Louvre Museum will be tested by X-rays to find out if they are genuine.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams to the places, and at the rates, given below.

Radio Letter Telegrams are accepted subject to the following conditions:

1. Minimum delay in delivery, 24 hours.
2. Messages must be written in plain English or plain Spanish. Code addresses may be used. Groups of figures, trade marks, trade terms and trade expressions must be expanded by qualifying words so that messages will offer an intelligible sense to ANYONE reading them.
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To	Minimum	Additional
	20 Words	Word
Manila	H.K. \$	H.K. \$
San Francisco & Bay Cities	2.00	.10
Other Offices in California & other Pacific States	10.80	.54
Mountain States U.S.	11.00	.58
Central States U.S.	12.20	.61
Eastern States U.S.	12.00	.63
British Columbia 1st Zone only	13.00	.65
Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba	12.20	.61
Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Quebec	12.00	.65
Newfoundland	13.80	.69

M. J. BRENN,
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Kolbow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced from \$2.05 to \$1.70 per word from 7th inst.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses.—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swaboe and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Europe via Negapatam, letters only	Eurylochus	March 24.
London 23rd February	President Adams	March 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taklwa	March 24.
Amoy	Soochow	March 24.
Shanghai	Lahore	March 25.
Europe via Negapatam, Japan	Takada	March 25.
London 23rd February	Mirzapore	March 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Cleveland	March 25.
Manila	Empress of Asia	March 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Perthos	March 27.
Shanghai	Mantao	March 28.
Australia and Manila	Empress	April 2.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada	April 5.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Formosa	Fukuju Maru	Fri., Mar. 23, 4 p.m.
Sam Ghoi and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Mar. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sunning	Fri., Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
Japan	West Hixton	Fri., Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Sat., Mar. 24.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	23rd 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	24th 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	24th 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	24th 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd April.)	

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Karnala	Sat., Mar. 24.
	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Mar. 23rd 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 24, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 24, 10 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 21st April.)	
Holhow and Halphong	Now Mathilde	Sat., Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Saloon and South Africa	Hawai Maru	Sat., Mar. 24, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Kwangtung	Sat., Mar. 24, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang	Sat., Mar. 24.



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General Sir Ian Hamilton, addressing a mass meeting of ex-Servicemen, held under the auspices of the Working British Legion in connexion with the Earl Haig Memorial, told how he had been robbed. He discovered on arrival at Waterloo, he said, that his wallet, containing a large number of Treasury notes and other papers, had been stolen from his pocket. "Luckily," Sir Ian added, "I had just enough silver left in my pocket to buy a third-class ticket instead of a first-class one, so that I shall have to 'touch' the secretary before I can go back."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's youngest daughter, Miss Sheila MacDonald, aged 17, has been operated on for appendicitis.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended March 23rd, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 1.7/16d.

At a meeting of Shanghai rate-payers, a motion to admit rate-payers and the Press to regular meetings of the Municipal Council was defeated by 358 votes to 257.

The steam yacht Alcedo arrived in Hongkong on a world cruise, with her owner, Mr. G. Drexel, a millionaire and former editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, aboard.

Mr. William Danby prepared plans for an iron bridge across Canton River. The two Folly Rocks were to be used as foundations, and the middle part of the bridge was to be raised when ships were passing.

Sir Matthew Nathan presented the prizes at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association, which was reported to have a membership of 230. Mr. R. G. Shewan delivered an address.

The annual report of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., showed that, with \$40,439 brought forward, there was \$163,218 available for distribution. A dividend of \$8 per share was proposed.

The marriage took place in Shanghai of Mr. C. H. P. Hay and Miss F. E. Brighton.

The Canton authorities issued lengthy regulations for the prevention of piracy on passenger ships on the Canton Delta.

The death took place in Hongkong of Dr. Francisco P. Soares, at the age of 82 years. He had resided in the Colony for 55 years.

Mr. D. W. Tratman was appointed to act as Assistant Land Officer in the New Territories, during the absence of Mr. J. R. Wood.

"7TH. HEAVEN."

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Cinema-goers have their last opportunity to-day and to-morrow of seeing "7th Heaven," the remarkable film that has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Sunday. Story, photograph, direction and acting have rarely found such wonderful blending in one film as they have in "7th Heaven." This story of the little street wren, Diane, and the Paris street cleaner, Chico, with their friends, the cab driver, the "nut," the street washer and the priest, is a thing that will stick in the memory after many other pictures will be forgotten. Janet Gaynor, and Charles Farrell play their roles with fine sincerity. What actress now playing could so win the hearts of an audience as does this 19-year-old actress, with her smile bravely struggling through her tears, her frail body bowing beneath the whip of her abstinence maddened sister, or at last waiting and waiting for that "very remarkable fellow," her Chico? Great as is the interpretation of the role of Diane by Miss Gaynor, it is equalled by that of Charles Farrell in the part of "Chico," he of the valiant heart, and the gay laugh.

"7th Heaven," is based on the brilliant stage success of Austin Strong, and it is one of those pictures everyone simply must see. Owing to its exceptional length only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Girton Girl's Success.

FIRST WOMAN CLASSICAL GOLD MEDALIST.

For the first time the University of Cambridge has awarded a gold medal for classics to a woman student.

The medal is given by the Chancellor, the Earl of Balfour, and the woman student is Miss G. A. Nairn, a fair, bobbed-haired scholar of Girton College.

She is only 21, and looks even younger.

It is not often that a talent for classics descends from father to daughter as in this case.

Miss Nairn's father, the Rev. Dr. Nairn, formerly head master of Merchant Taylors' School, in 1896 won the senior Chancellor's medal.

"My success is largely due to my father," said Miss Nairn recently to a representative of a Home paper. "He coached me splendidly in classics until I was 15. Then I went to Roedean School."

Why Girls Don't "Shine."

I think the reason why girls do not shine at classics is because they don't start on them early enough. It is too late to begin at the age of 15 or 16. If they were to take them up, as boys do, at the age of 10, they would do much better.

Miss Nairn has found time to go in for sport.

"They have made me captain of the Girton swimming team," she said. "All work and no play, you know."

"Next year I am going to Rome for 12 months to a school of archaeology."

"Please don't say I am very modest," she concluded. "Modesty, nine times out of ten, is mere affectation."

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Daytime Materials:—Silks:—Washable silks, including tussur, shantung, madras, men's shirting, and habutae.

Printed silks; both flat and with a ribbed, wove or with a transparent or shining surface. These include crepe marocain, crepe de Chine, georgette crepe, crepe satin, foulard, ninon, chiffon, voiles, marquisette, surah, and taffeta.

Plain crepes, including crepe de Chine, crepe marocain, flamingo, georgette crepe, satin crepe, and crepe Elizabeth. Taffeta, faille, and ottoman.

Printed laces and cotton; lace; Woolens:—Plain and light-weight woollens; plain and novelty weaves and patterns; silk-and-wool mixtures; wool-and-metal mixtures; light-weight tweeds; corduroys; open and tight-weave woollens with rough and smooth surfaces; woollen crepes; angora, novelty, plain and printed jerseys; jersey-and-metal mixtures; all the classic woollens, including broadcloth and velours delaine.

Sly Queen.

DELIGHTED WITH PARIS.

Queen Souraya of Afghanistan was delighted with Paris and the Parisians were delighted with her, according to a correspondent to the Evening Standard.

They hardly expected to find her so beautiful and so fair—as fair as any pretty Parisienne. She is a former Syrian princess, which accounts for her fair skin and hair, which is not raven black.

Although she has not yet had time to visit the smart dressmakers, the Queen could easily pass for a chic Frenchwoman. Her fur coats are the envy of all the women who have crowded to see her.

She wears her clothes with great charm. French designers will be glad to have her take their fashion-

Summer Hats.

DRAPING MOSTLY AT THE TOP.

Straw will be one of the most important materials for the summer hat—straw, and nothing else. But, mark you, this is for the brilliant days of real summer, rather than for the first days of spring.

Then, there will be many combinations, as well as grosgrain. Yes, grosgrain, again. Even now, it appears quite frequently at smart places in Paris.

As for felt—well, it seems as if we shall never get away from that lovely soft material as a basis, for at least one of our smartest hats.

Coming to shapes, there is the toque for summer and spring, too. And there are small, head-fitting hats with a tiny hint of a brim, and others, with quite well-defined brims. Berets keep in the mode. Hat-draping is mainly at the



Royal indeed were the gorgeous brocades, rich furs and gleaming jewels worn at the opening of Parliament. Mrs. Stanley Baldwin (right), arrived in a magnificently brocaded long coat, with deep cuffs and a wide collar of lovely ermine. Across her hair she wore a jewelled tiara. The lady accompanying her wore a colourful Chinese mandarin coat embroidered in gold and collared in white fox.

able creations back to her native land.

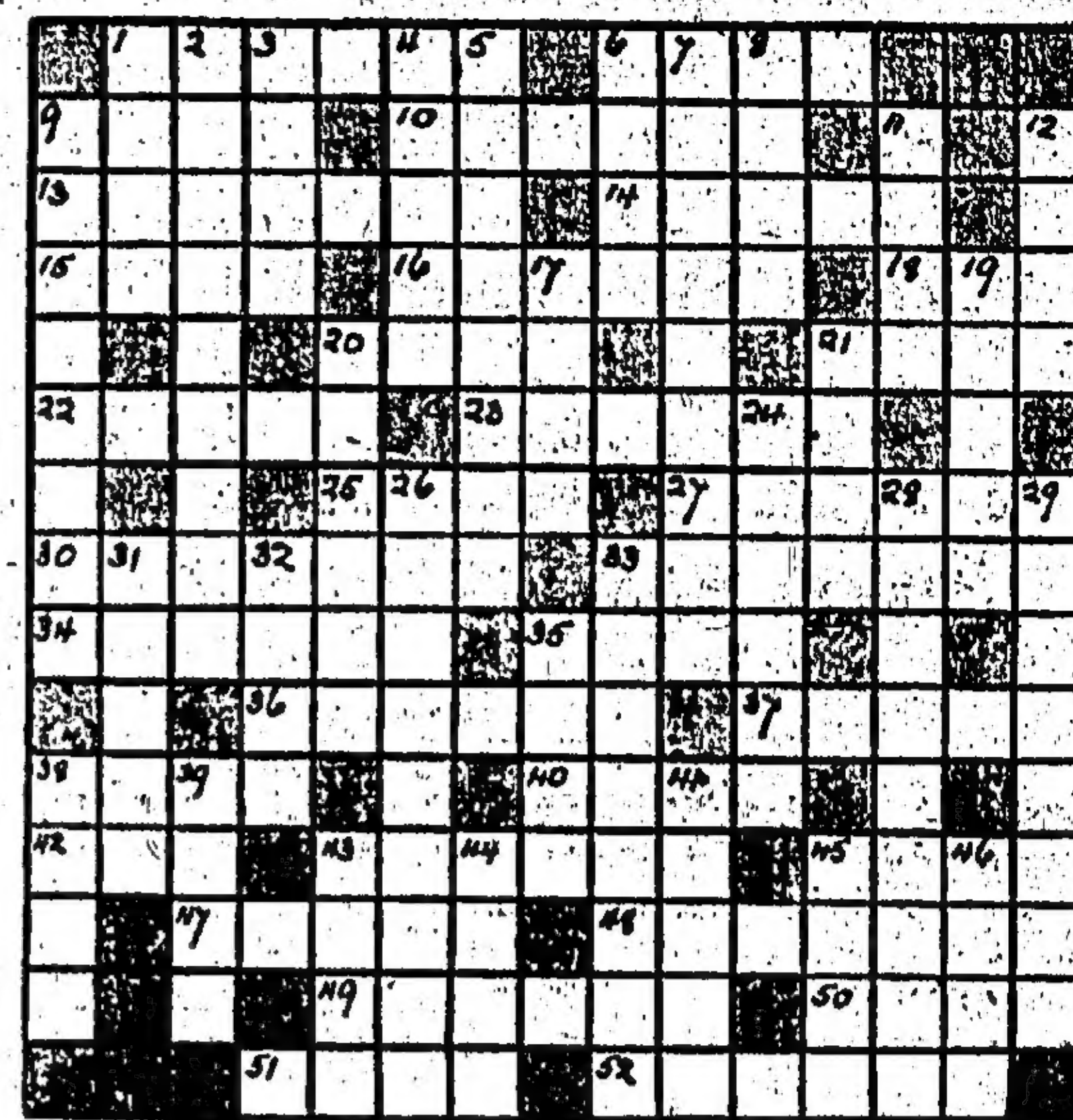
And she has every intention of doing it. She is making no secret of the fact that she will hurry to the Rue de la Paix and the big dress-making houses as soon as the official visits are over.

While her bearing is elegant and queenly, one still can see that this beautiful woman from the East is a wee bit shy. Nearly always she clings to her husband's arm. Naturally she feels a little strange in a land where she speaks little of the language—where, too, she is appearing before men without her Moslem veil.

top, to give something of added height, for it is somewhat of a shock to find hats quite low, as low as the top of the head, at any rate. Important to the woman who looks for the "new" in hats, is the fact that the draping must not come at the base of the crown at the back, as it has done this winter.

Children's Frocks. No little girl's wardrobe is complete without a party-frock. Georgette, crepe-de-chine, satin; and, for evening wear, tulle and net are the favoured materials. A dainty little tulle frock for a wee tot of five, has a sort of ballet-skirt consisting of several layers of pink tulle, in degraded colours.

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Across.
1 Mineral composed of silicic acid, titanate acid, and lime.
6 Age.
9 Vale.
10 Rapid onset.
13 Exhibiting force.
14 Step for getting over a fence.
15 Restraint.
16 Writing tablets.
18 Period of time.
20 Inert gas in the air.
21 Used for catching fish (Plur.)
22 Gain money.
23 Single segment in body of animal.
25 Bearing.
27 Wolf-fish.
30 Sea-cells.
33 Those who glide over ice.
34 Palm of the hand (Anat.)
35 Cup.
36 Beast.
37 Compound of fatty acids.
38 Carriage.
40 Cape.
42 Poem.
43 Pertaining to the ankle.
45 Long pointed spike.
47 Building forming great temple at Mecca.
48 Heats with violence.
49 Units with oil or fat to make soap.
50 Thought.
51 Joy.
52 Takes effect.

Down.
1 Mentally sound.
2 Division of tertiary epoch (Geol.)
3 Horon.
4 Dile.
5 Shuts in.
6 Particles of earth.
7 Figures of stars.

8 Demonstrative pronoun.
9 Abandoned.
11 Advise.
12 Paths.
17 Quickly.
19 Perfume.
20 Belonging to nemon.
21 Tidy.
24 Annoy.
26 Readily provoked.
28 Insect with many feet.
29 Ex-Empress of Russia.
31 Unit of electrical resistance.
32 Stinging insect.
33 Capable of being sold.
35 Converts into leather.
38 System of signals.
39 Care.
41 Killed.
43 Language of Cape Dutch.
44 Gardening tool.
45 Mix.
46 Angers.

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THE POPE AND D'ANNUNZIO.

Rome, Feb. 20.

The Pope uttered a strong condemnation of D'Annunzio's work in addressing a Lenten message to preachers in Rome. He advised them to insist in their sermons that the faithful should read moral books and discard obscene and banned writings.

The Pope, although not mentioning D'Annunzio's name, referred to a man who, though favoured by God with wonderful gifts, enabling him to write on widely different subjects, yet left a trace

of "impiety and immorality" in nearly all his works, so undermining the foundations of morality itself, and preaching the doctrine of the superman, whereby the practice of morals is left to common men, and the superman is free to create morals of his own. The Pope's condemnation is presented by the imminent publication of a national edition of D'Annunzio's writings, which has been thereby financed by the King, the Government, and prominent persons throughout the country.

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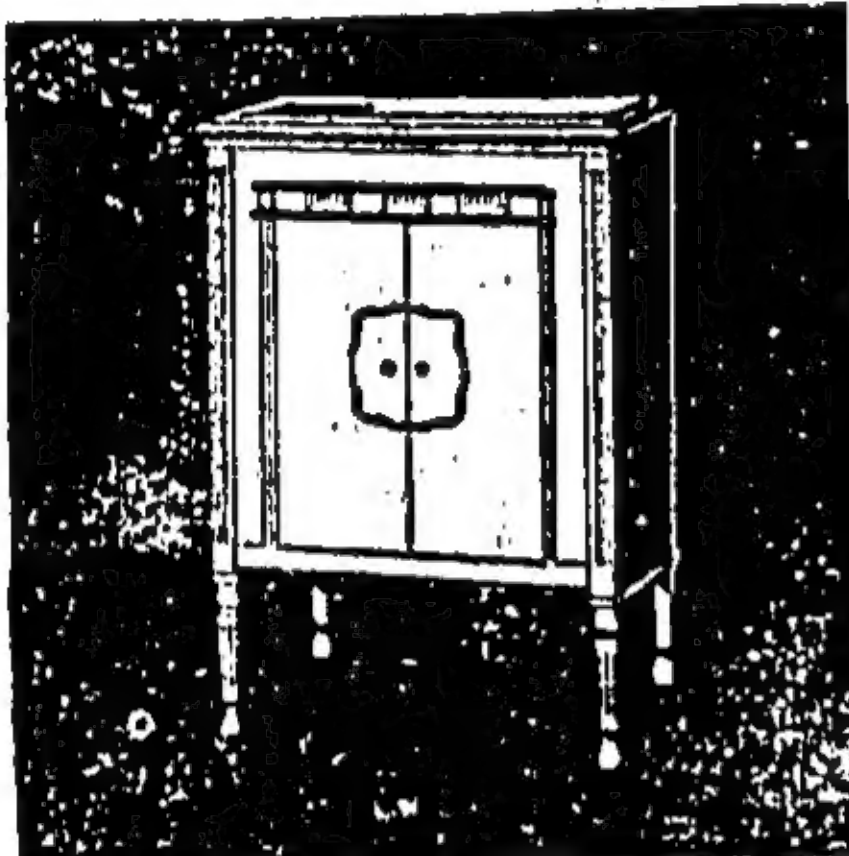
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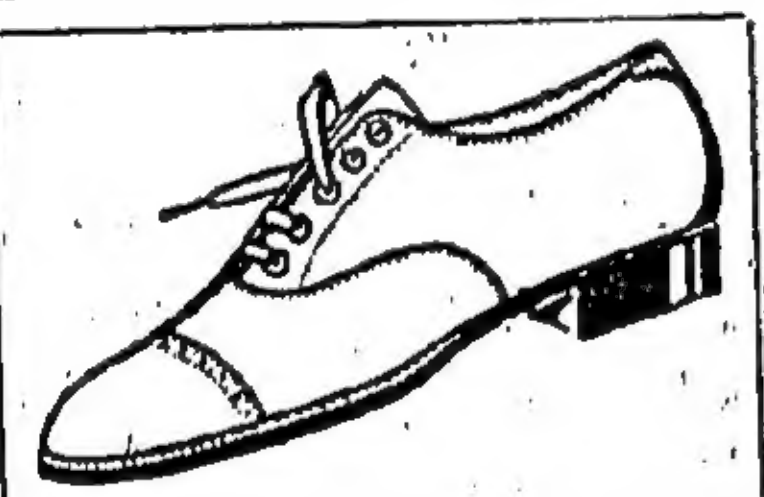
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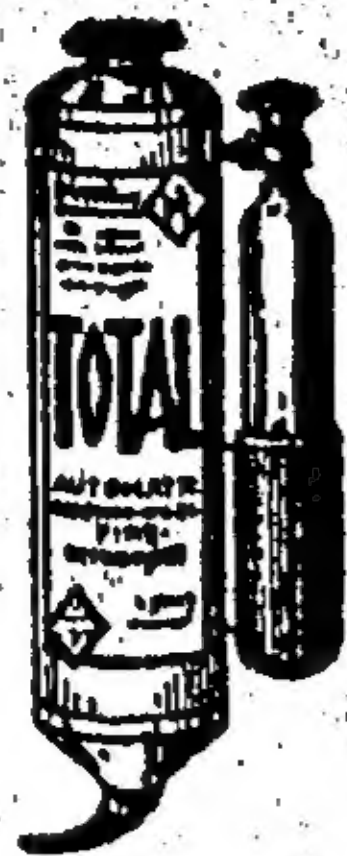
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FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1928.

RUSSIAN TEMERITY.

For sheer audacity and hypocrisy, commend us to the Soviet delegates to Geneva. Under the guise of seeking world-peace, they have brought before the Assembly of the League of Nations their hare-brained proposal for complete disarmament, which is at last being assessed at its real worth. But it has taken the outspoken utterance of Lord Cushendun to convince the majority of the Powers' representatives that the scheme was not only utterly impracticable but was conceived in insincerity. Until the British delegate brought his crushing logic to bear on the issue, there was an obvious inclination on the part of other speakers to temporise on the subject. But it is gratifying now to note an almost complete unanimity of opinion according with the British viewpoint. Keen as the United States is on securing pledged adherence to the outlawry of war as national policy, even the American delegate was impelled to describe the Soviet plan as impossible.

When we consider the record of the Soviet in stirring up trouble in practically every part of the globe, it is difficult to conceal a feeling of amazement that M. Litvinoff should have the temerity to put forward any scheme for world-peace. Lord Cushendun evidently had that point in mind when he bluntly asked whether Russia was now against civil war. The answer, of course, is that she is not, for it is part and parcel of Soviet policy to embroil other countries in internal disturbances. China and India, to say nothing of European countries, know from experience what Soviet propaganda means—how the whole concept of it is destructive, and how it seeks to shatter the very basis of civilisation. In coming to the League of Nations, therefore, constituted as the League is of countries regarded by the Soviet as "Capitalistic States"—Russia was obviously animated, not by pacific instincts, but by a desire to appear in the role of superior critic. As the Belgian delegate expressed it, the scheme was inspired by hatred of civilisation. The Dutch representative gave a new angle to the discussion when he put forward the view that complete disarmament would expose all nations to brigandage, adventures and re-

volution. We only need to look at the present state of China to discover support for that submission. In parts of the country where there is little or no power to back up authority, we find banditry and terrorism to be rampant, and revolutionary upheavals constantly recurring. Let all the nations of the world, in the present state of civilisation, scrap all their armies and navies—then we should have these evils on an intensified scale. For, regret it though we may, mankind has not yet reached that happy stage when all precautions for the defence of national rights can be thrown to the winds. Total disarmament is no doubt a very fine ideal. It is something towards which all truly peace-loving nations can aspire, in the hope that the day may come when it will be within the sphere of practicality. But that day is not yet. There needs to be much levelling up in the civilisations of many countries before we shall be able to regard the scrapping of all implements of war as feasible.

One gratifying sequel to the Geneva debate has been the admiration expressed in New York over Lord Cushendun's castigation of the Soviet, which is hailed as the greatest speech delivered in the history of the League. That is a high tribute, but in view of the effects which his utterance has since had, the compliment does not appear to be too lavish. Apart from the matter of motive, there is the further point that the precious Russian scheme did not even take note of the existence of the League of Nations; indeed, many of its aspects were at complete variance with the Covenant of the League. Which only illustrates yet again the temerity of these Soviet plotters.

Naval Ratings.

Rough arithmetical progression informs us that the United States proposes to spend \$72,000,000 on naval development in the next financial year, and that this figure is more than 25 per cent. in excess of the appropriations for the corresponding period by Great Britain. The total represents the largest sum sought by the Navy Department since the Washington Conference, while it is important to note that further upward trend is anticipated by the Committee in the immediate future. It may be taken as established that the policy of the United States is to increase its naval expenditure, while it has been substantially proved that Britain will proceed in the opposite direction wherever possible. We have not drawn attention to these simple facts in order to criticise the one policy against the other, but for the purpose of indicating their support of Mr. W. C. Bridgeman's pronouncement of the realities of the situation. Many accusations were levelled at the British Government following the failure of the Geneva Conference, but now it is possible to review the discussions in their historical light, Britain has abundantly proved that the rupture was attributable not to British stubbornness or her naval intentions, but to misunderstanding of our unique necessities. It has now been tacitly decided that each of the countries concerned will tackle its individual problems without reference to the other, and while neither Britain nor America shows any signs of taking advantage of this freedom to stimulate rivalry, no complaint will be offered.

Analysis of Thought.

It would be interesting to know if Sir Cecil Clementi in his forthcoming lectures at the University on "Elements in analysis of thought and its activities" will make note of the recent attempts in America to prove that thinking is a chemical process. A number of Chicago scientists have decided that thought processes are no more mysterious than the contraction of a muscle, and are endeavouring to make the human brain give up its remaining secrets by a study of nerve reactions. Once it was believed that the "soul" left the body each night, that emotions were generated in the heart and anger in the spleen, and our ignorance in the matters having been removed, scientists are now trying to solve the ultimate mysteries. They apparently argue that if man is a machine, why not take him apart and see what makes him tick? What interests us, however, is what will happen if the machinery of the brain is laid bare? Will they attempt to make us believe that we are mechanistic accidents in a headless universe, proceeding blindly in obedience to chemical actions which we cannot control. A few years ago an Irishman, condemned to death,

DAY BY DAY.

HAPPINESS COMES FAR MORE FROM WITHIN THAN FROM WITHOUT.—J. Freeman Clarke.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

As from Sunday, the Sai On and the Tung On will sail for Canton at 10.30 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. as heretofore.

Among candidates recommended for election as Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh is Mr. George Brown, M.A. (Edin.), M.A. (Camb.), Professor of Geology, Yenching University, Peking.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 18 arrivals and 12 departures, with Japanese holding top figures, leaving 61 vessels in harbour, of which 23 were British. Tonnage was comparatively low, while freights were by no means good, Japanese carrying the best cargoes and the only four figure cargoes of the day. The total of British cargo was less than 2,000 tons.

Awards for gallantry at Wanchien on Sept. 5, 1926, were made at the Royal Naval Barracks on Feb. 17. Ordinary Seaman Joseph Baldock, A. B., William Kell, and A. B. Francis Herbert Image were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and Petty Officer Frederick William Warburton, who "showed conspicuous courage and fearlessness in taking command of the boarding party after Lieut. A. E. Higgins, R.N., was killed," was presented with the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. All were serving in H.M.S. Kia-wo at the time.

The Straits Times, in chronicling the death of its editor, Mr. A. C. Wentworth Lewis, says he was taken ill about six weeks ago and, after three weeks at his house, was removed to hospital. After further examination it was decided that an abdominal operation was necessary, and this was performed. Although the operation was of a serious character Mr. Lewis appeared to be making a very good recovery, and excellent reports were received as to his progress. Later, however, he suffered a relapse which proved fatal, and it was with a very deep sense of shock that the staff of the Straits Times heard the news of his death.

ABERDEEN JUNK
PIRATED.GANG SECURES MONEY AND
FISH CARGO.

Another Junk piracy is reported to have been carried out in the Colony's waters, the master of a fishing boat stating that he had an encounter with pirates who intercepted his craft off Tam Kon Shan, yesterday.

They are believed to be the band which on Wednesday committed a similar outrage on another fishing junk from Aberdeen.

In the present case, the pirates did not open fire, but effected an easy capture, putting off in a dinghy and boarding the fishing craft.

They stole \$56 in money and transferred over \$50 worth of fish into their own boat before sailing away.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

MANY IN TO-MORROW'S
"TELEGRAPH."

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph will again contain a most varied selection of pictures of local interest.

Amongst the weddings of which photographs will appear are those of Lieutenant R. A. Peyton and Miss Iris Thornhill; Mr. T. L. Christie and Miss Joan Mitchell; and Mr. James N. Wong and Miss Winnie Chan.

In the sphere of sport, there will be a group of the Navy and Sacred Heart College football teams, and another of Hongkong lady golfers taken at Fanling. Other pictures will include H.E. the Governor at the Tung Wah Hospital, and some excellent photographs taken at the inspections of the Volunteer Defence Corps and the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

penned these lines:—"I would boldly teach the antique faith that fighting is the only noble thing, and that he alone is at peace with God who is at war with the powers of evil." If would be no easy task to reduce such a man to a mathematical equation. A thought such as that from the shadow of death is something more than a mere plus b equals c. Man is x—an unknown quantity, and, puzzle over him the scientist may, but there will always be a residue which will escape the test tube.

THE BOOTLACE.

(A Gem From Official
Correspondence.)

The following interesting "skit" on Service red-tape is taken from The Malta Racing and Sports Gazette:

The Commanding Officer,
H. M. S. Tragedy.

I have the honour to submit That I may have, should you see fit, Gratuitous issue of one lace To keep my starboard boot in place For yesterday, the 8th of June While dressing for my lunch at noon.

I parted one in thirteen places Although both boots had Service laces. Report of loss was made by me. I have the honour, Sir to be, R. Duppe, Lieutenant.

The Admiral Commanding,
—Squadron.

Submitted for consideration, This officer going to his station For luncheon ship, had hardly started. Before the lace in question parted. As I consider there's no blame Of wilfully destroying same, Submit the other lace be matched. (A pink defect list is attached). Vere A. Shackie, Captain.

The Commanding Officer,
H. M. S. Tragedy.

Attention is directed to Article 6, lines 1 and 2, Of Home Fleet Order Book, which state

Demands should be in triplicate. As to the lace, describe that fracture With details as to length and size. How many kinds of knots it ties. Its colour (whether black or blue). Its pattern number, price when new, And also (to the nearest penny) Its market value now, if any. Crockett Knott, Admiral.

The Admiral Commanding,
—Squadron.

Submitted. In compliance with Your minute 111, demands herewith. Prints of the lace are enclosed. The lace itself, it is proposed To take on charge its broken ends. To take on charge its broken ends. The details as required by you Have also been attended to. Vere A. Shackie, Captain.

The Secretary Admiralty.

Be pleased to lay before the Board The details of this most untoward Disaster to a Service lace. Request permission to replace The same with pattern 3a (large) And make the issue free of charge. Observing that the lace was done By accident and not for fun. Crockett Knott, Admiral.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—We hear a great deal nowadays about the necessity of a stricter observance of the Sabbath, and I think the Church should take the lead in this matter.

Some time ago, I noticed Chinese workmen engaged in repairing the roof of St. John's Cathedral on a Sunday, whilst on Sunday afternoon last I happened to be passing the place and again saw workmen busy repairing the woodwork of the Cathedral windows.

One of the conditions of Hongkong Government contracts is, I believe, that no work must be done on Sundays. Does this mean that our secular authorities can teach the Church how to observe the Sabbath?

I certainly think there is something incongruous in clergymen criticising Hongkong people for not respecting the Sabbath whilst the Cathedral Church Body allows Chinese workmen to spend Sundays in manual labour on the actual Cathedral building, and I am sure that many others will agree with me.—Yours, etc.,

CONSISTENCY.

Hongkong, Mar. 22nd. 1928.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Brussels	35.02
Geneva	25.34
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Stockholm	18.21
Copenhagen	18.23 1/2
Oslo	20.4
Vienna	34.00 1/4
Prague	104 1/4
Helsingfors	108 1/4
Madrid	20.08 1/2
Athens	80.92 1/2
Lisbon	21.02
Bucharest	75.54 1/2
Rio	5.59/64
Buenos Aires	47.20/32
Bombay	1/6.31/32
Shanghai	2/0 1/4
Hongkong	1/11.2/8
Yokohama	2.29 1/2
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Silver (forward)	—

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

A Scotsman and an Englishman were alone in a railway carriage in South Africa, on a 200 miles journey. The Scot sat in dead silence, while the Englishman was gasping to enter into conversation. At last the awful quiet got on the Englishman's nerves.

He leant forward towards the Scot. "It's a long, dreary journey, this," he said.

"And why should it not be a long, dreary journey?" snapped the Scot. "It's costing £3!"

An Italian minor, Giuseppe Scarpioni, who works in the Longwy coal mines, has suddenly found himself confronted with an embarrassing choice of would-be brides, for he is a bachelor, and it became known recently that he was sole heir to a fortune of £1,000,000 left by an uncle.

The effect of the news was very soon to be seen in his postbag, for instead of bringing only an occasional note from his aged mother it brought letters from all parts of the world. Up to the present time Scarpioni has received 187 offers of marriage, many of them from young girls of good family, who point out that his new financial situation makes it imperative that he should achieve social standing by a marriage with a girl who, after coaching him in etiquette, could introduce him into the right milieu.

His mail also included 214 offers of directorships in various commercial and industrial concerns, while 150 other missives have been classified as purely begging letters.

Solicitor (to soft-spoken witness): Some of you men are like women with your meek courtroom voices.

Witness: I'm no loud speaker. Prosecuting Officer: Two of the defendants were found under a house in Kangaroo Point; the other two were found under similar circumstances.

Raymond came home from Sunday School fairly swollen with importance. He explained the cause to his mother.

"The superintendent said something awful nice about me this morning in his prayers."

"And what did he say, dear?" the mother inquired, concealing her astonishment.

The boy quoted glibly and sincerely. "He said, O Lord, we thank Thee for our food and Raymond."

A man has just surprised his relatives by returning home to Potsdam. He claims that he was taken prisoner by Russians during the war, and had been among the lost in Siberia for 11 years. He declared that 150 Germans were still prisoners at Kankin in Eastern Siberia.

An inquiry has been ordered.

A slightly hilarious gentleman had mistakenly thrown his arms about a totally strange woman. He hastened to apologise.

"Scuse me, madam," he gasped. "I thought you were my wife."

"You're a fine husband for any woman to have, you see!" screamed the lady in a rage.

"There, y'see!" ejaculated the gentleman triumphantly; "y' talk just like her, too."

When a respectably-dressed man named George Frederick Freeman, Shelgrove Road, Stoke-Newington, answered a summons for an alleged assault on a girl of 11, Mr. Barker, for the police, told the Magistrate at North London Police Court that he did not propose to detail the circumstances in an opening statement, and would at once call his witnesses.

Mr. Basil Watson, the Magistrate, said he knew the circumstances, and was most anxious that the girl should not be subjected to the ordeal of giving evidence.

Mr. C. V. Young (for the defence)—My client will plead guilty to a common assault. He admits that he did kiss her.

Mr. Watson—I will accept his plea, and there will be no necessity to call any witnesses.

Mr. Young said the defendant was a respectable man who had known the girl's family for years. In kissing her, he had no improper intention.

A fine of £5, with £3, costs, was imposed.

"I'll never say another word about my husband coming home late and rather too cheerful," said the young wife. "Yesterday he brought me a pair of the loveliest earrings."

"Did you ask for them?"

"No, that's just it. I told him a pair of herrings!"

A precedent was set by the Legislature at Victoria, B.C., when a legislator, Mrs. Ellen Smith, temporarily occupied the Chair during the Budget debate.

Members addressed her as "Madame Speaker."

CANTON FEARS RED RISING.**STRONG PRECAUTIONARY POLICE MEASURES.****YINGTAK INFLUENCE.**

Uneasiness has prevailed in Canton following Marshal Li Chai-sum's departure for Nanking, a fear having arisen that there might be a recrudescence of Communist activities.

Canton is afraid of the development of the situation in the northern part of Kwangtung where the Communist movement has been making headway.

Some of the farmers have turned "Red" and it is said they may come to Canton, be joined by the three to four thousand rich coolies, most of whom are Communists and create trouble.

These rumours may be groundless, but the Government is determined to take no chances, and has adopted strong measures to prevent disturbances.

Large numbers of police patrol the streets and suspected rendezvous of undesirable characters are being raided.

All vessels, even to junks and other small craft, coming alongside the Bund are searched by police and troops.

Additional troops have been stationed in different suburbs and gunboats have received instructions to keep a sharp lookout on vessels entering the Canton River.

MUST EMPLOY A SOLICITOR.**OBLIGATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.**

At the usual Friday morning case-fixing session at the Summary Court this morning, a case was mentioned in which the Local Printing Press claims \$217.40 from the "Observer" Company and others.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton said he appeared for the defendants and had been instructed to ask for a fortnight's adjournment. He understood the matter had been settled.

Upon the plaintiff's name being called a representative of the company handed up a card to his Lordship who informed him that his proper course was to instruct a solicitor as the company was a limited one. His Lordship said he would adjourn the case for a week for the plaintiff company to employ a solicitor.

Mr. Marton repeated that he was informed the matter had been settled.

His Lordship:—That may be. It is for the plaintiff to say.

Indicating a desire to speak again, the representative of the plaintiff company was informed that he could not be heard but must employ a solicitor.

OPIUM SMUGGLING CHARGES.**HAUL VALUED AT NEARLY \$70,000.**

The case in which three Chinese firemen of the S.S. Hsichong are charged with the possession of, and with smuggling, 9,600 taels of Wuchow prepared opium, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro, Sr., appeared for the second accused, who with the other defendants, were remanded until Tuesday morning. The opium seized is valued at nearly \$70,000.

In another case, a ship's carpenter employed on the Canton steamer Tung On, was charged by a Revenue officer with the possession of 12 taels of Canton opium, which was discovered secreted about his person. A fine of \$900, or six months' hard labour, was inflicted.

TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.**RESCUES FROM HARBOUR YESTERDAY.**

A Chinese woman, aged 22, attempted suicide by jumping into the harbour from the Shamshui Ferry Wharf yesterday. She was rescued by boatpeople, and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese, who arrived destitute from Shanghai, also unsuccessfully endeavoured to drown himself, jumping into the Harbour from the sea-wall near the Western Wharf, yesterday. Boatpeople pulled him out.

HONGKONG RADIO FACILITIES.**MANY SERVICES NOW IN OPERATION.**

The Hongkong General Post Office radio telegraph services are now in operation, as follows:

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It is notified for information that the via wireless rate to Europe has been reduced to \$1.65 per word.

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Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should, in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio, register their telegraphic addresses immediately.

VISITING ADMIRAL.

Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet in Asiatic waters, who arrived in Hongkong aboard the U. S. S. Pittsburg this morning.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.**K.O.S.B. MAN WINS THE PRIZE.**

In view of the rather remarkable fact that six out of the twelve matches given in our Football Competition coupon last week resulted in drawn games, it is not surprising that very few claims for the prize-money have been received. Three of the remaining six games resulted in victories for the away team—another factor which mitigated against successful forecasting.

There has been one claim in respect of nine correct forecasts, and it is noteworthy that this competitor succeeded in guessing four out of the six drawn games. He is to be complimented on his rather lucky "shot." He is

Pte. J. M. Dougall, 2nd. K. O. S. Borderers, Murray Barracks, and if he will call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the \$25 prize-money.

The only other claims received were three in respect of eight correct forecasts and one in respect of seven! There was, however, a very large entry.

This week's coupon will be found on another page of this issue.

SHANGHAI OFFICE CLOSURE.**EX-ENEMY PROPERTY IN CHINA.**

London, Mar. 22. The Board of Trade has appointed Mr. J. B. Knight, who is controller of the clearing office with Germany, and administrator of ex-enemy property, to be also controller and custodian of ex-enemy property in China from April 1st.

The Shanghai office of controller and custodian of ex-enemy property in China will be closed on March 31, 1928, after which all communications should be addressed to Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.—Reuter.

NANKING GREETES LI CHAI-SUM.**THREE REASONS FOR VISIT.****ADVOCATES PRESSING ATTACK AGAINST PEKING.****FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

Marshal Li Chai-sum has been cordially received in Nanking and discussions are now going on between the Canton administrator and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

In an interview in Shanghai Marshal Li said that, in making the visit to Nanking he has three objects:—

First, to discuss with the War Council in Nanking the question of pressing the anti-Northern campaign;

Second, to submit a personal report on the situation in Canton and of what had happened in the past few months; and

Third, to discuss with the Nationalist Government future policy with reference to Canton and China as a whole, especially in relation to reconstructive measures.

Marshal Li said he had no idea how long he would remain in Nanking or when he would return to Canton.

Quiet Returning All Round.

Marshal Li said that everything was quiet in Canton, and so far as Canton City itself was concerned, the Communists had been entirely wiped out. In the Hailufung district, near Swatow, he expected that they would soon be finished off. He had sent his best troops to the place and they were having no difficulty whatever in suppressing the Communists whenever they met them.

Banditry and pirates were still rife and active but he had divided Kwangtung into four sections under military administrators; each of whom would be responsible for the maintenance of peace and order, as well as the suppression of evil characters. The generals concerned included such men as Chan Ming-shiu, Chen Chi-tang, Chu Ching-tang and Wang Ying-yu. During his absence the military affairs of Kwangtung Province had been entrusted to Gen. Hung Chao-hung, and civil affairs to Mr. Tai Tien-chau son-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sun.

Sino-British Relations.

With reference to Sino-British relations, the Marshal said that as a result of Sir Miles Lampson's visit to Canton and his trip to Hongkong, as well as the subsequent visit of the Governor of Hongkong to Canton, much misunderstanding had been explained, and the administration of Hongkong and Canton were now very friendly and wished to trade peacefully. The economic interests of the two places were interdependent, like the wheels of a vehicle, and it was most necessary that their intercourse should be close and friendly. He would do everything within his power to promote such relations and commercial intercourse, and hoped that there would be mutual help and co-operation always.

Railway Loan Denied.

Questioned as to the alleged loan of \$7,000,000 by certain British

DEATH OF MR. A. C. WARD.**HONGKONG JOURNALIST DIES AT SEA.**

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. A. C. Ward, until recently a member of the reporting staff of the Hongkong Daily Press, which took place from pneumonia whilst on his way home to England. News of the sad occurrence was received in the Colony yesterday.

The late Mr. Ward, who was quite a young man, left Hongkong early this month aboard the P. and O. liner Macedonia, with the intention of settling down in the Old Country, where he had secured a new journalistic appointment.

He was also looking forward to getting married a few weeks after his arrival. When he left the Colony, he appeared to be in the best of health, and letters written to friends here in the course of his trip gave no indication that he was in any way out of sorts. Yesterday, however, a cable was received from the P. and O. Company's Agents at Aden to the effect that Mr. Ward died aboard the Macedonia from pneumonia and that he was buried at Aden on Wednesday, the 21st instant.

The deceased had been three years in Hongkong, and during his stay he made many friends, amongst whom he was very popular by reason of his cheery disposition. The news of his death has come as a great shock to Pressmen in the Colony, and much sympathy will be felt for his relatives and finances in their heavy bereavement.

financiers for the building of a loop line between the Canton-Hankow and the Canton-Kowloon railways, Marshal Li emphatically denied that this was so, and said that, in all his discussions with Sir Miles Lampson and Sir Cecil Clementi, the question of a loop line had not been brought up. As a matter of fact, the only mention of such a proposal was when he was invited to a dinner by the members of the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Further than that, there was nothing that could be said.

Financial Situation.

In answer to questions regarding the notes issued by the Central Bank of China, Marshal Li admitted that they had depreciated considerably and said that he was taking steps to adjust the matter. Certain Chinese merchants in Hongkong had expressed their readiness to make a loan for reconstructive purposes and this was quite voluntary; there had been no pressure on them whatever on his part. Marshal Li said that he only would accept a loan from the Chinese, and it would be used for the redemption of the Central Bank notes. It would take time to adjust the financial situation, and he hoped that people would be patient.

Marshal Li denied that the Canton administration had decided to hold up part of the contributions usually sent to Nanking. Canton, Marshal Li said, would continue to send money to Nanking.

SOVIET INTRIGUE IN SHANGHAI.**RUSSIAN WHO WORKED ON DEFENCE FORCE.****DEPORTATION ORDER.**

Application was made by the Chinese authorities for the extradition of a Russian named Bourlakoff in the Shanghai Provisional Court on Saturday.

Insp. Robertson said that Bourlakoff arrived in Shanghai in 1926, and was engaged in the distribution of propaganda among members of the foreign defence forces. He did no work and yet always seemed to have plenty of money, and it was this fact that led to suspicion regarding the source of his funds.

Bourlakoff admitted that he was formerly a member of the Communist party and that he was formerly employed in Vladivostok. He also admitted being given a free ticket to Vladivostok, together with two other compatriots, one of whom was an anarchist. However, Bourlakoff did not leave for his destination.

Bourlakoff said that he was a mechanic, and denied the accusations made against him.

The Court ordered that Bourlakoff should be handed over to the Chinese authorities for deportation.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Where is England in "The Nationalist Periodic," which the National Trust is trying to purchase?
2. What book is considered the gem of the Holford Library, being offered for sale?
3. What is meant by "The Old Lady of Threadneedle-street"?
4. Name the poets who are noted for addressing poems to the following women: Celia, Lucasta, Laura, Julia.
5. What was a centaur?
6. Name the oldest college in the United States.
7. Who wrote the following: "Lorna Doone," "Lord Jim," "The Raven," "Scaramouche," "Trilby"?
8. What is the national anthem of (a) England, (b) France, (c) Germany, (d) the United States?
9. Who was the Greek god of time?
10. For what are the following English Churchmen especially remembered: Wycliffe, Bede, Tyndale, Donne?
11. With what is inter-stellar space supposed to be filled?
12. What is a "power of attorney"?

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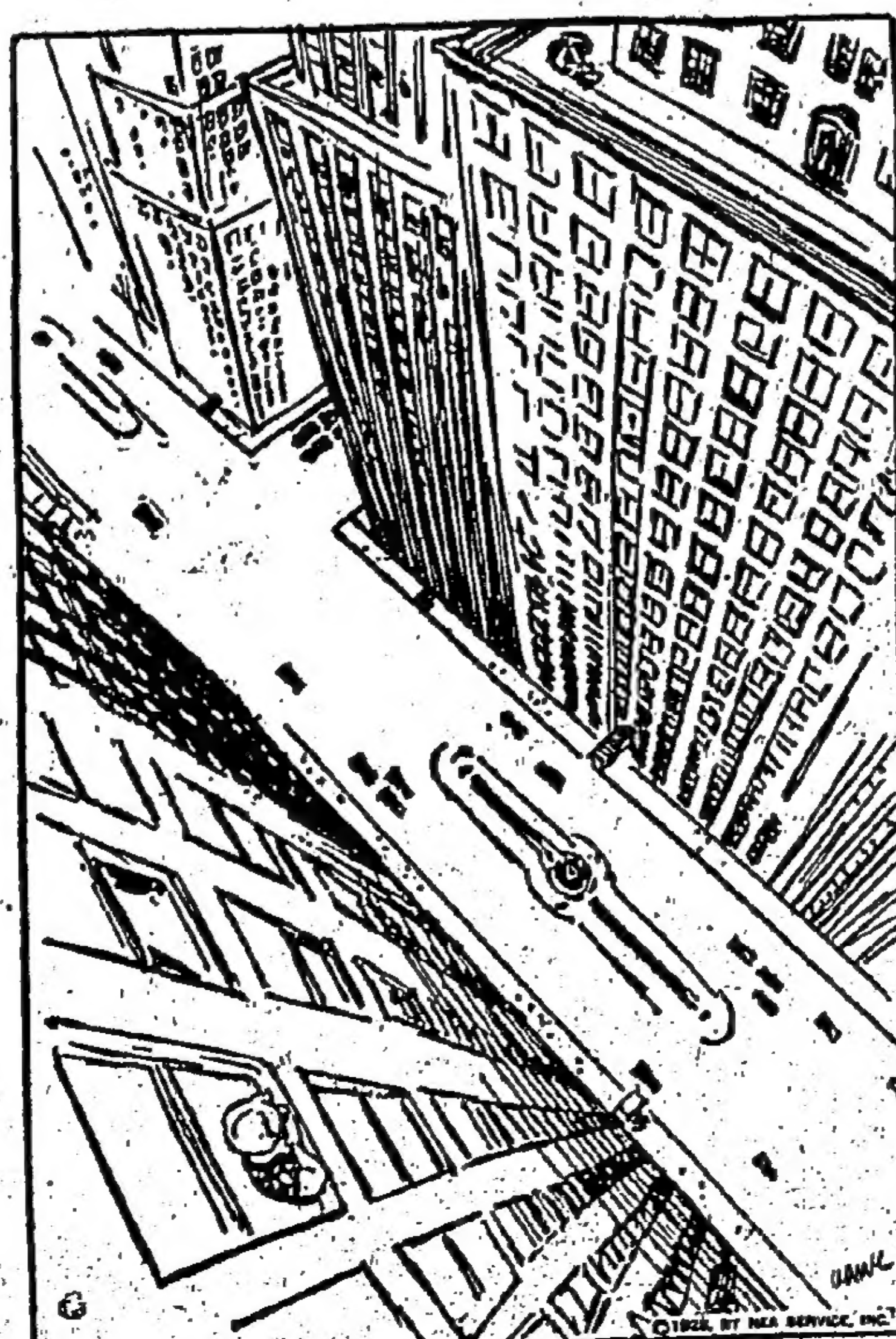
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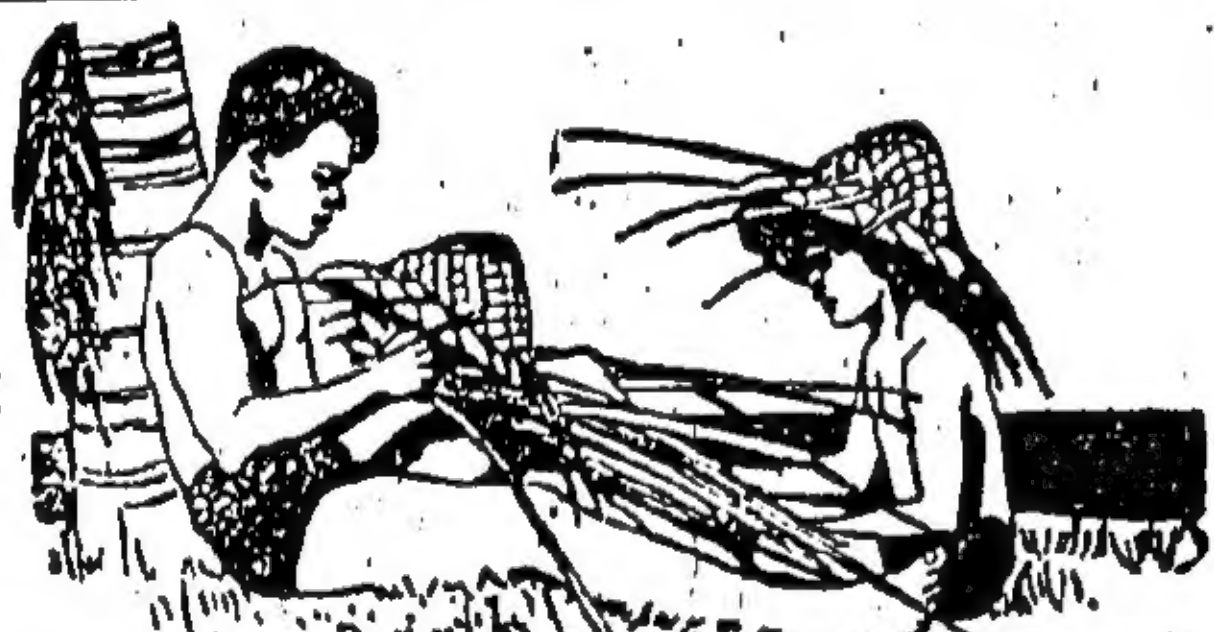
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HAWAII TOURIST BUREAU

Dept. B. P. O. Box 298, Shanghai, China.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—Germany has been successful in a protest to Estonia against an offence to her susceptibilities than she was in England over the Cavell film. In connexion with the tenth anniversary of Estonian independence, Parliament issued an historical

manifesto containing references to the German occupation, which Germany considers unfriendly. The Germans asked for the removal of the offending passages, but as this was refused on "technical" grounds, the German Minister took no part in the celebrations.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



THE LAI WAH CUP STRUGGLE.

CIVILIANS MEET THE NAVY.

LEAGUE STILL INTERESTING.

[By "Wanderer."]

The first of the Lai Wah Cup matches is to be played on the Club ground to-morrow when the Civilians will meet the Royal Navy, for the right to contest the final with the winners of the Chinese v. Army match.

The Civilians are strongly represented, while the Navy are regarded as the best side available to the China Squadron for several seasons.

Two important League fixtures are also down for decision. The runners-up position is offering stubborn resistance to a solution, the Scots Guards, K.O.S.B. and the R.A. being in the running more or less on level terms. The R.A. and the Guards are engaged to-morrow after which the position may become a little clearer.

The fixtures for to-morrow are:

LAI WAH CUP.

Civilians v. Navy—Club ground, 4.40 p.m.—Referee: Capt. A. W. Austin. M.C., M.M., Lineament: Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Hutchings.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

R.A. v. Chinese Ath.—Sookunpoo, 4.45.—Referee: Queen's—Chatham Road, 4.45.—Mr. Smith.

Strong Teams.

Albeit the nature of the Lai Wah Cup Competition offers less interest from a competitive standpoint than the majority of local tournaments, there is likely to be a keen game on the Club ground to-morrow. Both the Civilians and the Navy are strongly represented, though the Civilian forward line might have been improved upon.

The Civilian team is as follows: Clarke (Police); Wythe (Police); Bishop (Club); Hedley (Kowloon); Stewart (Club); McKelvie (Kowloon); Taylor (Club); Howarth (Police); Gosno (Recreio); Rocha (Recreio) and Cornwall (Police).

The League Struggle.

It is probable that to-morrow will see the end of the Royal Artillery's hopes for obtaining runners-up honours in the Senior League. They meet the champions, the Chinese Athletic, who are not likely to surrender their undefeated record without a terrific struggle. The R.A. cannot afford to drop a single point if they hope for success.

The prospects of the Scots Guards in drawing level with the K.O.S.B. who now hold second place with 24 points from 19 games, is much better. They are opposed to the Queen's who have shown a curious falling off of form in recent weeks.

Mid-Week Matches.

The League Secretary, Mr. W. E. Hollands, is working hard to get the remainder of the League fixtures completed before the season draws to a close, and the following matches have been arranged for next week:

Tuesday, March 27.

Kowloon v. Chinese Ath.—Kowloon, 5 p.m.—Mr. Willis.

Wednesday, March 28.

Recreio v. Queen's—Recreio, 4.45.—Mr. Baldwin.

R.A. v. H.K.F.C.—Sookunpoo, 4.45.—Mr. Smith.

FRIENDLY GAME.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in a friendly match on the Kowloon Ground on Saturday, 24th. Inst. kick off at 4.00 p.m. sharp. Opponents, probably, H.M.S. "Cumberland".

Slipper; Wheeler; Dodson; Guest; Sims; Bliss; Pile; Tlornax; Kornick; Muir and Vickers.

FANLING HUNT.

The meet to-morrow, Saturday, is to be at Lok Ma Chau cross roads. Instead of Mr. Poth Bungalow.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup and League matches to be played on Saturday next, March 24th, set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 23—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 24th.

CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Huddersfield v. Sheffield U.
Blackburn v. Arsenal.
Hibernians v. Rangers.
Celtic v. Queen's Park.

DIVISION I.

Bolton v. Leicester.
Wednesday v. Liverpool.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea v. Manch. City.
Reading v. Leeds.
West Brom. v. Preston.

DIVISION III.

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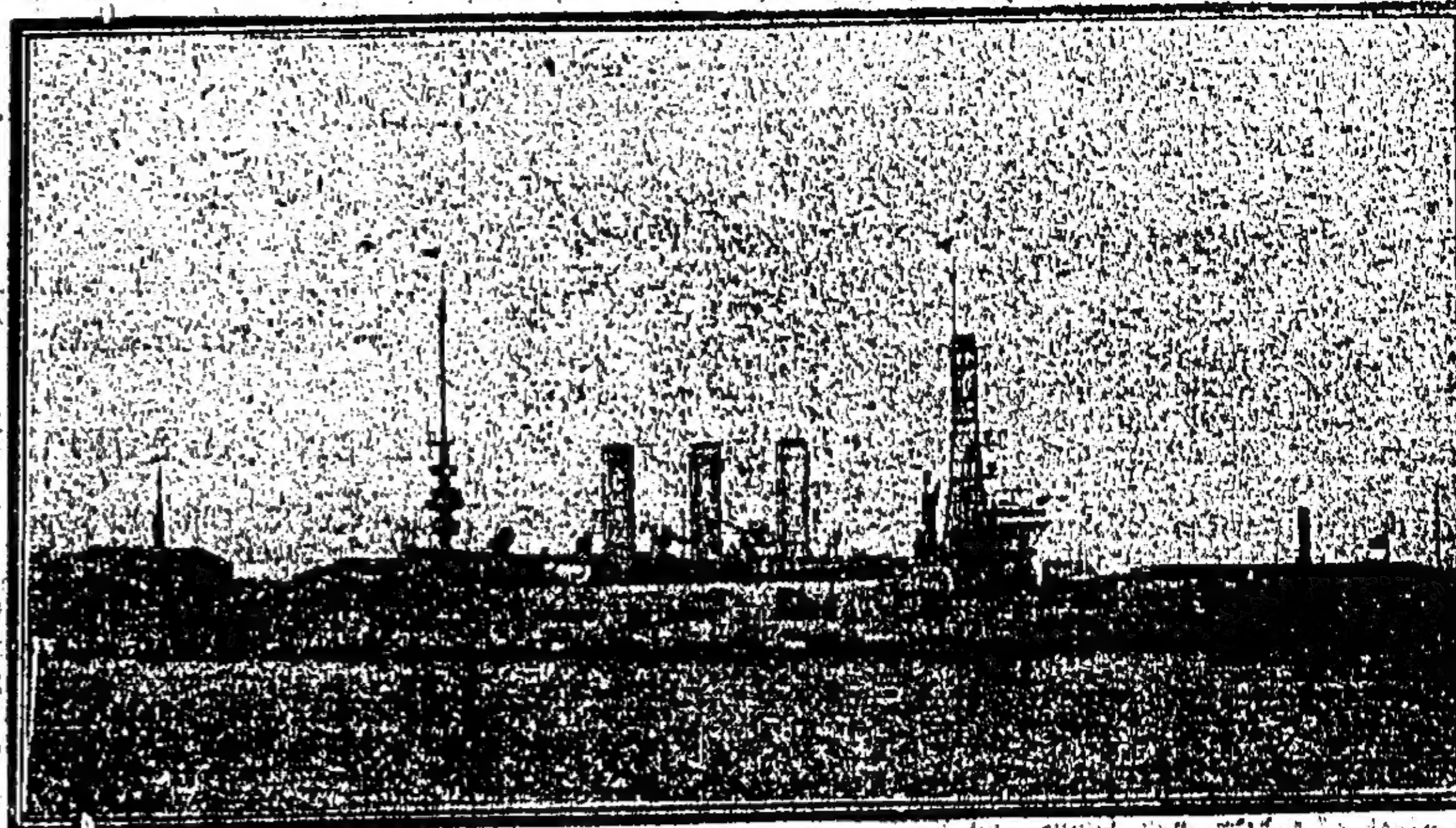
SHAMEEN TEAM TO PLAY HERE.

The Hongkong Hockey Club is to play Shameen on the U.S.R.C. ground at Kowloon on Sunday, commencing at 10.30 a.m. The Club team will be:—Howell; Henry; Farquharson; Lloyd; Dand (capt.); Murray; Slipper; Mitchell; Wheeler; Woodward and Lammert.

Club v. Navy.

On Wednesday, on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, at King's Park, the Club meets the Navy, and will be represented by:—Lockhart Smith; Henry; Lyon; Lloyd; Dand (capt.); Farquharson; Woodward; Mitchell; Lawrence; Wheeler and A. N. Othor.

AMERICA'S ASIATIC FLEET FLAGSHIP.



Above is the U. S. S. Pittsburgh, flagship of the United States Asiatic Fleet, which arrived in Hongkong this morning, with Admiral Bristol aboard, together with other units of the squadron.

THE COMING RACE.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ADDRESS.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society on Thursday evening, at their Duddell Street Lodge, Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "The Coming Race." He said one of the facts discovered by occult investigation is that human evolution proceeds by root-races and sub-races, each root-race in its turn producing seven sub-races, or principal sub-divisions. A new sub-race, a new type of our great Aryan race, differing from any race at present existing and possessing strongly marked special characteristics, is appearing in the world to-day.

We find the children of the new race in great numbers in America and also in New Zealand, and Australia, where they have come under scientific observation by numbers of ethnologists. The American Bureau of Ethnology has distinctly and repeatedly pointed to this fact. They are easily recognisable. Their foreheads are large, the eyes large and well-set, the face exceedingly well-set and rather reminding one of the Greek type; the chin more square and strong, the mouth finely cut, rather a thin upper lip, and of a fine bodily build. But most of all by their nervous system, their great sensitiveness, although invisible to the eye, being within the body, is there the most essential difference between successive races. And while this new sub-race will grow quietly, our own, the great fifth Race Empire, will be completed, the guarantee of the peace of the whole world, and in the shelter of that peace there will be room for the new race until it is numerous enough to impress itself on the civilization of the world. All that tends to brotherhood and world unity, to peace and friendship between the nations of the world, all that helps forward co-operation and the realization of the sanctity of the divine life in all men, of all races and nations, will be the characteristics of the "Coming Race."

The lecturer further stated that the Aryan Root-race is to have two further sub-races, the present "Coming race," and a future seventh sub-race, which in the distant future will be followed by a future sixth root-race and a seventh root-race, each with its full number of seven sub-races. Each sub-race is heralded in by the appearance of the World Teacher in the world of man, to give the new race a new spiritual impulse and a new ideal, a new civilization to be built up by the new race. The World Teacher is here, and Theosophists study all the signs accompanying the birth of the coming sub-race, and see all the facts which are isolated and non-significant to the ordinary observer—as fragments of the plan of the Great Architect of the Universe with this world, revealed to us in Theosophy, in process of working out under our eyes. But the fifth, the present, sub-race is not going to perish. It will go on building its own civilization, the World Empire of the Fifth Root-race, one mightier than the world has ever seen, one representing the apotheosis of the powers of the mind, till another World Empire, based on the higher spiritual qualities, on the knowledge of the divine self in all men, will take its place. It is these higher qualities, which will be the distinctive elements of "The Coming Race."

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THE MACAO-SHEKKI ROAD.

OPENS UP RICH DISTRICT.

The newly-opened Macao-Shekki highway is an artery of trade which will considerably tap over four hundred square miles of the most fertile region of South China. The production of the district is already \$100,000,000 a year and the hope is expressed that the opportunity offered for development by the facilities to be provided will double or treble the present normal yield.

The road from Macao to Shekki will have a length of thirty-five miles passing many important and interesting centres, among them Choi Hang, the birthplace of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. So far, only nine miles has been completed, extending from the Macao end, and a broad level highway it is, while other sections are being rapidly built. What it will mean to the people of the place can very well be judged by the fact that it is a community company financed by the peasantry of the district. It is believed that the \$300,000 or \$400,000 needed for its completion will soon be forthcoming.

The whole enterprise has been promoted and conducted by the Chinese husbandmen of Chung Shan, as Heung Shan is now called, to bring their produce to the markets of Macao. Significant is the active interest displayed in the enterprise by Mr. Tang Shao-yi, the veteran statesman, and Mr. Cheng Tao-sheung, at one time magistrate of Heung-shan City, and now managing director of the company, for this enterprise means the linking to Macao of what might be one of the richest regions of Southern China.

ATTRACTIVE FILM.

"YOU NEVER KNOW WOMEN."

We can thoroughly recommend "You Never Know Women," the main film in the current programme at the World Theatre. It is quite off the beaten track, both in conception and production, whilst from every aspect it possesses much artistic merit.

The story, written by a Hungarian playwright, is woven round the life of a Russian vaudeville company, and deals with rivalry for the love of the leading lady between the chief magician and a wealthy idler. What we like about the film is the thoroughly natural way in which the tale develops, until a dramatic climax is reached. There is a restrained suggestiveness about the whole picture, excepting in the wonderful "turns" given by the vaudeville players, which are incidental to the main theme. The main parts are in the hands of Florence Vidor, Lowell Sherman and Olive Brook, whose acting reaches a very high standard.

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ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

MUSICAL AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

The last of the Musicales at the Helena May Institute, held last evening, attracted a large audience, which greatly enjoyed the excellent programme which had been arranged.

Of special merit were the piano-forte selections by Mrs. Cashman, these being Grieg's Concerto in A Minor (first movement), and later, the second and third movements of the same Concerto. She played brilliantly throughout and was loudly applauded for her work, the three movements occupying nearly half an hour. She was the star turn of the concert, and she had the valuable assistance of Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, who played the orchestral accompaniments on a second piano. The playing of the Concerto represented a new feature in local concerts, whilst another innovation was the violin solos of Mrs. Balcan, Mrs. Aubrey and Miss Acheson, who proved a talented combination. Of the three pieces given, Churchman's "Ti Prego o Madre pia" was especially good. The only other instrumental item was a violin solo by Mrs. Balcan—Max Bruch's Adagio (op. 28), a beautiful piece played even better than we are accustomed to expect from this well-known violinist.

Mrs. Womack sang dramatically and with much feeling the Aria from "Madame Butterfly," whilst the contributions by Mr. H. Glover—Herbert Oliver's "The Call" and Landon Ronald's "Oh, Lovely Night"—were much appreciated. Mr. Glover has an enjoyable baritone voice of pleasing quality, and his presence and singing are most unaffected. It is to be hoped that he will be heard much at future concerts.

Mrs. Womack and Mr. Gardiner were associated in the Miserere Scene from "Il Trovatore," which was exceedingly well received, although the tenor part was a trifle too heavy for the soprano. Mr. Gardiner was also heard in "Harlequin Serenade," which was sung very nicely, the audience insisting on an encore although it had been arranged that none were to be accorded to.

Mrs. Hargreaves Brown and Mrs. Griggs were the accompanists.

BANNED LECTURE.

New York, Feb. 22.—The New York World to-day publishes statements from Mrs. Bertrand Russell and Mr. Glenn Frank, President of the University of Wisconsin, on the refusal of the University to permit the delivery of a lecture on companionate marriage before the students.

Mr. Frank declares that the decision to refuse Mrs. Russell permission to deliver her lecture rested on one consideration, and only one, namely, "that the discussion and advocacy of sexual relations both before and after marriage was an enterprise that good taste and a sense of propriety suggest should be staged elsewhere than before a mixed audience in a co-educational institution."

Mrs. Russell declares that the insult to her personal integrity is unforgivable. She laments the fact that young people should have to suffer from a lack of advice from those who could understand them and give them new ideals, and concludes: "Love belongs to open spaces; real loving involves the whole personality."

TEAPOT DOME OIL SCANDAL.

MR. FALL TO "TELL ALL."

Washington, Mar. 22.—As a result of press reports that Mr. Albert Fall, feeling he has only a short time to live, has decided to "tell all," Mr. Nye, chairman of the Teapot Dome investigation committee, has telegraphed to Mr. Fall offering to send a sub-committee to his home at El Paso to take his testimony. Mr. Fall has replied that he preferred to give testimony in court.—*Reuter's American Service.*



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THE METAL BOX

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(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomeroy's Reputation," etc.)

CHAPTER XXIII (CONT.)

He had never been at Everard's rooms before, having, indeed, always given Cliff Street a wide berth. Now, however, he felt impatient to meet his son, who had returned home, only ten minutes before the car stopped outside the chemist's, entirely unobserved by the turn events had taken against him.

Everard Parkinson's chief desire at the moment was to get out of the country. He longed to get back to America and Nina Francis, but not empty-handed. That would be useless or worse. He would only be tantalized to see her surrounded by other men more fortunately fathered than himself.

Sir Joseph had only to write a few words on a slip of tinted paper to procure all his son desired. Luck had gone against him of late. He had never been so cruelly "sold" as when he raised the lid of the metal box which Harkwell had surrendered so easily at Treadwell Mansion. He had flattered himself that a few days would see him in possession of at least several thousand pounds as the result of that successful coup. He had subsequently haunted the place in the narrow street near Piccadilly Circus, always leaving poorer than he arrived; he had none there this afternoon with lamentable consequences. He had lost the little he could muster to stake and on reaching his rooms had flung himself dejectedly into a chair, a prey to the gloomiest reflections.

He had heard from Theresa Feversham that Markwell, confound him, had taken the jewels to Park Lane, and threatened to take his information to Scotland Yard. But she would prevent that. The blighter was dead nuts on her and she would be able to twist him round her finger.

He was told by the maid that a middle-aged man who had refused his name, had called during the day, and there was nothing to lead Everard to suspect that the loafer with a cigarette dangling from his lips by the lamp-post, was there for the sole purpose of keeping him under observation.

A white cloth covered the table in preparation for dinner and Everard leaned back in his chair in much the same attitude as his father's in the morning-room at Park Lane after Inspector Pow's departure. There was nothing that Everard appreciated less than to be told he resembled his father, whose hair, it is true, was of a very different colour as well as his complexion.

Sir Joseph was the last person he expected this evening. What the dickens could the old man want? Still he rose with every sign of cordiality.

"Upon my word, I'm tremendously pleased," he cried, effusively. "The first time you've seen my quarters. Do sit down. I don't know whether it's any use offering you a whiskey and soda. Afraid I haven't anything else."

"Good heavens!" answered Sir Joseph, "you can't realise your danger to be talking in that way."

"Danger?"

"When I got home this afternoon, I found a detective with your mother."

"What in the world did he want?" demanded Everard.

"Your photograph."

"What for?" said Everard with a forced laugh.

"It's of no use to treat it in that way," Sir Joseph insisted. "Do you realise that before many hours have passed, you may be arrested for murder—murder!"

All of Everard's bravado fell suddenly away. He looked grave enough now as he stood staring into his father's face.

"I swear," he protested, "I know no more about it than you do."

"I believed that," answered Sir Joseph. "I know you too well. I know you were not near Haversstock Hill that night. But Inspector Pow takes a different view. One of his men is watching this house at this moment. You may be arrested to-night. I want to stand by you: Everard, you and I haven't hit it off as we might have done."

"Sorry, father," said Everard, and he looked sorry.

"But," Sir Joseph continued, "I'm with you in this through thick and thin. I only hope that none of your shady, underhand tricks have put you in a hole. It will be difficult to pull you out of it. I'll do my best, but for God's sake let me know where you stand. When did you go to Baynton Crescent last?"

"On the Monday before the old woman's death. That was the only time."

"Can you prove where you were on the Thursday?" demanded Sir Joseph.

"Some of the johnnies at the Criterion might remember I dined there," said Everard.

"Where did you go afterwards?"

As Everard hesitated, his father clapped a hand down heavily on his shoulder.

"My boy, it's no use lying," he cried. "Tell the truth and it may be possible to do something. Be honest for once in Heaven's name! Inspector Pow knows a good deal more than you may think. He even heard you had lost your finger tip."

Everard looked surprised at that.

"Prevarication," Sir Joseph insisted, "may cost you dearly. Your liberty may depend on what you say to Pow. He's certain to turn up to-night. If what you tell him doesn't agree with what he already knows, God help you. For your own sake, tell the truth for once."

Everard stood with his eyes on the carpet. He looked thoroughly chastened. All the courage seemed to have been taken out of him.

"I suppose I'd better get it off my chest," he muttered.

"You went to Baynton Crescent a second time?" his father suggested. Both faces were portentously solemn, as they confronted each other.

"Yes," said Everard.

"On the night of the murder?"

"But," shouted Everard, with every sign of panic, "I didn't kill the woman. I didn't touch her."

Inspector Pow, said Sir Joseph, "must know you were there."

"No—no, how can he?"

"Never mind how. He knows. You are in an awkward place. It will take all our time to get you out. But we will. I believe you, in spite of the lies you've told. Perhaps that's because I know I should lose my senses if I allowed myself to doubt. But you'll have to make a clean breast to Pow. It's the only safe plan. Face the music. That's always been my way."

Sir Joseph was silent for a moment, then looked full into his son's face. "Everard," he said, "I suppose you didn't lose your head and strike the woman?"

Before there was time to answer, the door opened, and Inspector Pow stood on the threshold.

"Ah, Sir Joseph," he exclaimed, "good day once more. Good day, Mr. Parkinson."

CHAPTER XXIV. THE ARREST.

Sir Joseph nodded to the Inspector.

"I've been telling my son he would see you this evening," he exclaimed. "I've urged him to get nothing back, even if it seems to go against himself. Put your cards on the table! It's always best in the long run."

"Quite so," answered Pow, turning to Everard. "But it's my duty to warn you that anything you say may be used in evidence against you."

Sir Joseph was standing with his hands in his pockets, intently observing Everard. He wondered whether there could be a strain of hitherto unexpected politeness in his son. A bold demeanour might not be without its effect on Inspector Pow, but Everard looked as if all the courage had gone out of him. His face was blanched. His lips twitched nervously.

"Does that signify," demanded Sir Joseph, "that you're going to arrest him?"

"For the wilful murder of Evelyn Croom—"

"I'm innocent! I had nothing to do with it!"

Everard's voice was a kind of feeble shout. He wasn't doing the best for himself. Sir Joseph had never in his life felt more anxious—more anxious to maintain the opinion, that in spite of every suspicious circumstance, his son was innocent. But appearances were against him as he stood terrified before the Inspector, who, with his eyes on Everard's right hand, now took the yellow chambray leather glove from his overcoat pocket.

"You've seen that before, Mr. Parkinson," he said.

"Is it yours?" asked Sir Joseph.

"I suppose I dropped it," Everard admitted. "But I swear—"

"You had better," urged his father, "tell the Inspector plainly what happened that Thursday night."

(To be continued.)

SHAMEEN ISSUES DISCUSSED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

assures me that although not up to former standards it is good for human consumption in every way. In order to prevent undue wastage of water in the future, it has been suggested that the water should be turned off from the mains, say, 11 p.m. at night until 5 a.m. the next morning and, if necessary, some scheme of this nature will doubtless be discussed by the Incoming Council.

The Nursing Home.

I would now like to refer to the Nursing Home. At last year's annual meeting of ratepayers the Council were empowered to commence a Municipal Nursing Home in the Hongkong Bank Building. Conditions, however, during the year changed and, on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, a Nursing Home was started in the Victoria Hotel. During the year, the Home worked very efficiently and filled a great need whilst in addition it can be said to have cost ratepayers less than a home in the Hongkong Bank building would have done. The Nursing Home is a self-contained unit, with two private wards and also a ward with three beds; operating theatre, nurses quarters, kitchen, etc.

If you will refer to the special Nursing Home account you will see that a sum of \$3,585, had to be paid out of the rates, but the fact remains that this Institution is essential to the welfare of the Concession and cannot be looked upon as a source of revenue. For many years, the ratepayers were called upon to pay the Canton Hospital in the neighbourhood of \$4,600 annually for the upkeep of two wards, whereas to-day we have an efficient Home on the Concession at less expenditure. Dr. Reynolds has put in a great amount of good work at the Nursing Home and I am sure you will concur with me in expressing thanks for the very efficient work of the Institution.

The Budget.

Turning to the accounts, owing to adverse conditions prevailing in 1926, the Council for that year were quite unable to estimate as they could have wished the revenue and expenditure for 1927 and you will see that both have exceeded in an equal proportion to each other. Certain works have been necessary which were not included in the Budget but the expenditure in this direction has been amply offset by the increased revenue. The overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was decreased during the year by the sum of \$10,000 which I think is most satisfactory.

I now have pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts as presented by the Council for 1927 be adopted, and would ask some ratepayer to second the resolution. Should there be any questions I will answer them to the best of my ability.

There were no questions, and the report and accounts were approved on being seconded by Mr. Farmer.

Nursing Home Decision.

The meeting then approved a resolution authorising the Council to rent the present rooms at the Victoria Hotel, now occupied as the Shameen Nursing Home, for the purpose of placing this Institution on a permanent basis for a period of five years at a rental of \$200 per mensem as at present. Further, that the previous scheme as passed, Resolution No. 2 of 1927 be given up entirely.

This was proposed by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Mr. Bowker. Seconded by Mr. Bowker, the report and accounts were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Mr. Batchelor, seconded by Mr. Farmer, the Budget Estimates were adopted.

New Council.

The next item on the agenda was the election of Municipal Councillors, and, there being no other candidates, the following were declared elected:—Messrs. R. K. Batchelor, G. H. Bowker, W. Roland Farmer, J. S. McEachran and G. A. Robinson.

Amongst other business dealt with was a resolution authorising payment of a sum of \$1,020 to the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel in settlement of his claim on account of loss and damage during the occupation by the Shameen Defence Corps during the troubles of 1925. This was approved.

The Boat-House Question.

Considerable discussion took place on a resolution to vote a sum of money for repairing the boat-house building.

Mr. Hogg opposed the vote, as he considered the boat-house was not a necessity, but a luxury.

Mr. Farmer pointed out that the boat-house was inaccessible and thought it would be far better to transfer it to some other site on

INSPECTION OF LIFTS.

SINGAPORE WANTS OFFICIAL APPOINTED.

The Singapore Municipal Commissioners, in accordance with a resolution passed at their last general meeting, and after consultation with their legal advisers, have addressed a letter to Government asking that an Inspector of Lifts be appointed in Singapore.

Inquiries made by a Straits Times representative show that the majority of lifts in Singapore are already maintained by local engineering firms. The United Engineers, who have supplied the majority of the lifts now in use in the city, state that they employ a gang of some thirty skilled men exclusively for the maintenance and adjustment of lifts. Nearly all their lifts are inspected every day.

It is admitted that lift inspection at Home is carried out much less frequently, but in Singapore, where the attendants are unable to make light running repair and adjustments, and indeed are usually forbidden to do so, this firm believes that it is as well to be on the safe side.

It is by no means certain, however, that there are no lifts in the city which are in regular use and yet which do not receive adequate supervision, and this is a question which will doubtless receive the serious attention of Government before they reply to the Commissioners' request. There is a suspicion that an element of danger does exist, though it is admittedly a very small one.

One electrical engineer told the representative that he recently saw twenty-one persons emerge from a lift which was intended to carry seven and the attendant. The safety factor in lift machinery is something like three hundred per cent.—each of the four ropes usually supplied is capable of carrying the lift and passengers—but nevertheless an observation such as that, and the fact that overcrowding is in all probability frequently permitted on that particular lift, (the maintenance of which is carried out by the proprietors of the premises) is at least disturbing.

The last time this matter was raised in Singapore was in 1922, when the Government refused to introduce legislation for the supervision of lifts or hoists. The Commissioners are now asking, it is understood, either that the Government appoint an Inspector themselves or amend the Municipal Ordinance so as to allow the Municipality to do the inspection.

It will be recalled that the lift in the Station Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, crashed recently and the attendant and a passenger, who had stepped out just previously, escaped from what would have been certain death.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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Shameen or possibly across the river.

Mr. Hansen as Chairman of the Rowing Club advised members to vote against the resolution, as very few Shameen residents used the boat-house.

Subsequently, Mr. Bond proposed as an amendment that the Incoming Council be requested to explore the subject of the boat-house premises with a view to either one of the two following solutions:—repairs to existing boat-house; or new premises.

This amendment was carried, the original resolution falling.

Other Business.

Other business dealt with included the passing of a resolution that the Land Tax be at the rate of 0.6684 per cent. on H. B. M. Government's valuation of 1921-22 for each lot, and the approval of licence fees.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the outgoing Council, who, the Chairman remarked, had carried out their duties to the entire satisfaction of the community.

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1. Annual Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on April 8th and 9th, 1928. Launches will leave Murray Pier at 8 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon ten minutes later.

Approximate times of firing:—

Sunday, 8th April.

Blake Shield, 9 a.m.
Francis Cup, 11 a.m.
Jar Competition, 2 p.m.
Plate Competition, 3 p.m.
Attack Competition, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, 9th April.

Corps Championship, 9 a.m.
Tyro Competition, 9 a.m.
Musketry Competition, 11.30 a.m.
Reserve Challenge Cup, 2.30 p.m.
Lewis Gun Competition, 3.30 p.m.
Revolver Competition, Corps and All Comers, will be fired both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those wishing to have rifles provided for them on either day must inform the Hon. Secretary not later than April 2nd, and enclose \$1.50. Programmes can be obtained on application at Volunteer Headquarters.

2. Musketry. Sunday, 25th March, 1928.

The Reserve Company will fire Part 1 Table T at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 25th March, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thorpe. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 24th March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3. The Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, 29th March. It is expected of all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

4. Engineer Company.

Field Section. All ranks of the Section who are entitled to medals, and who have not already received same, should apply to the Section Officer for a form which should be filled in and sent in to Headquarters as soon as possible.

5. Corps Signals.

There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 29th March at 5.30 p.m.

6. No. 2 Platoon.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 23rd March and Tuesday, 27th March for M.G. Training. Dress: Mufti.

7. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 29th March at 5.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon will parade at Taikeo for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.
No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Dock for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

No. 7 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

Dress: Mufti.

Sunday, 1st April "Dyer" Cup, for Inter Platoon Musketry will be shot for at Stonecutters on Sunday, 1st April, 1928. Mr. A. K. Henderson has kindly presented a Cup for the best individual aggregate score including hits in Attacks.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for Competitors, Glangarry, khaki tunic, khaki shorts, khaki hose tops, flashes, short putties, black boots. Equipment: Belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 30th March, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 31st March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison.

Corps Rifle Meeting, Sunday and Monday 8th and 9th April.

Platoon entries should be sent in as soon as possible to Corporal T. P. Saunders, c/o Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Thursday, 26th April, 1928.

"Quarry Day" Cup Competition will be completed at Corps Headquarters. Details will be circulated separately.

8. Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 on Friday, 23rd March for Rapid Fire Training, Kennedy Road and Miniature Range practices.

Dress: Belt, frog, sling, rifle and bayonet.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th March for Lewis Gun instruction.

Next Company parade on Friday, 30th March, 1928.

9. Promotion and Appointment.

No. 517 Pte. C. L. Edwards, A. C. Company is promoted to Sergeant, as from 16th March, 1928.

No. 1191 Pte. C. A. Cunha, No. 10 Platoon is appointed Lance Corporal, as from 21st March, 1928.

10. Transfer.

No. 517 Sergt. C. L. Edwards is transferred from Armoured Car Company to the Reserve Company, A. C. Sec., as from 16. 3. 28.

11. Reversion.

No. 946 L/Cpl. A. M. B. Rocha, No. 10 Platoon reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 21. 3. 28.

12. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

Lieut. R. S. Logan, Engineer Co., from 15. 4. 28, to 14. 12. 28.

2/Lt. A. C. Groves, Armoured Car Co., from 28. 3. 28, to 27. 3. 28.

No. 80 C.S.M. H. Groen, Infantry Co., from 1. 4. 28, to 31. 12. 28.

13. Resignations.

Having left the Colony:

No. 749 Pte. E. Dewhurst, Armoured Car Co., as from 10. 3. 28.

No. 936 Drummer Wm. Gardner, No. 5 Platoon, as from 14. 3. 28.

R. A. Wolff Murray, Major, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

NOTICES.

1. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

The next monthly apoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, 1st April at 9 a.m.

2. Portuguese Company Rifle Club Shoot.

Sunday, 25th March at Peak Range. Only those detailed by Rifle Club Committee to attend. Firing commences at 9 a.m.

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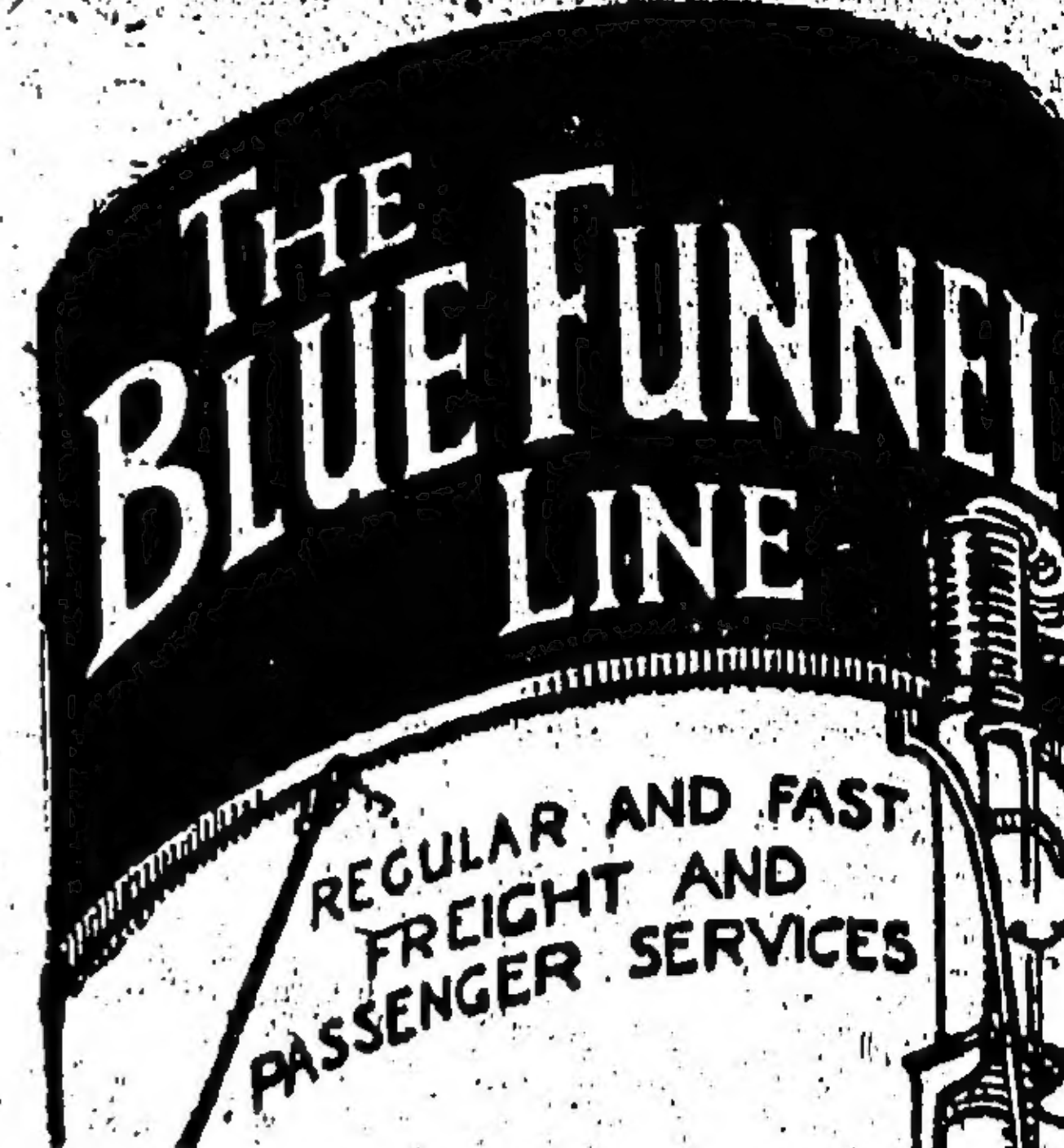
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DEBENTURE ISSUE.**N.Y.K. DEVELOPMENT.**

Tokyo.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided at its directors' meeting to issue debentures to the amount of 15,000,000 yen in construction of superior passenger ships for the transpacific service. Debentures in similar amount were issued last year.

The recent relaxation of the money market and headway made in the construction of its three ships at the Mitsubishi Shipbuilding works and the Yokohama dockyard have prompted the company to expand their operations.

The Kinkai Yusen Kaisha, affiliated with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has contracted to purchase two foreign steamers. One is the Dante Alighieri, 9,750 tons gross, built in 1914, with a mean speed of seventeen knots, and the other, the Giuseppe Verdi, 9,750 tons gross, built in 1916, with the same speed. Both are passenger boats.

FIRE ON TSING SAI.**ACCIDENT OR NOT?**

Canton, Mar. 21.—An immediate official investigation of the causes of the fire on the S.S. Tsing Sai has been ordered by the Government, and in its notice it has recounted some of the known facts. Several days ago a fire broke out in the engine room while she was on her way from Sai Lam to Hohow near Samshui. Whether or not it was of incendiary origin, started by Communists, as suggested, or was accidental, is the question which the Government investigators hope to determine.

Four persons were burned to death in the blaze and six who jumped overboard were drowned. There were eight seriously burned, one of whom has since died. The number of the slightly injured exceeds twenty.

A military pilot named Culnet, was killed, and a reserve pilot named Riel was injured in an accident to a monoplane at Orly aerodrome.

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The Hague, Mar. 22.—The committee of Dutch rubber producers formed on March 1 has decided to get into touch with

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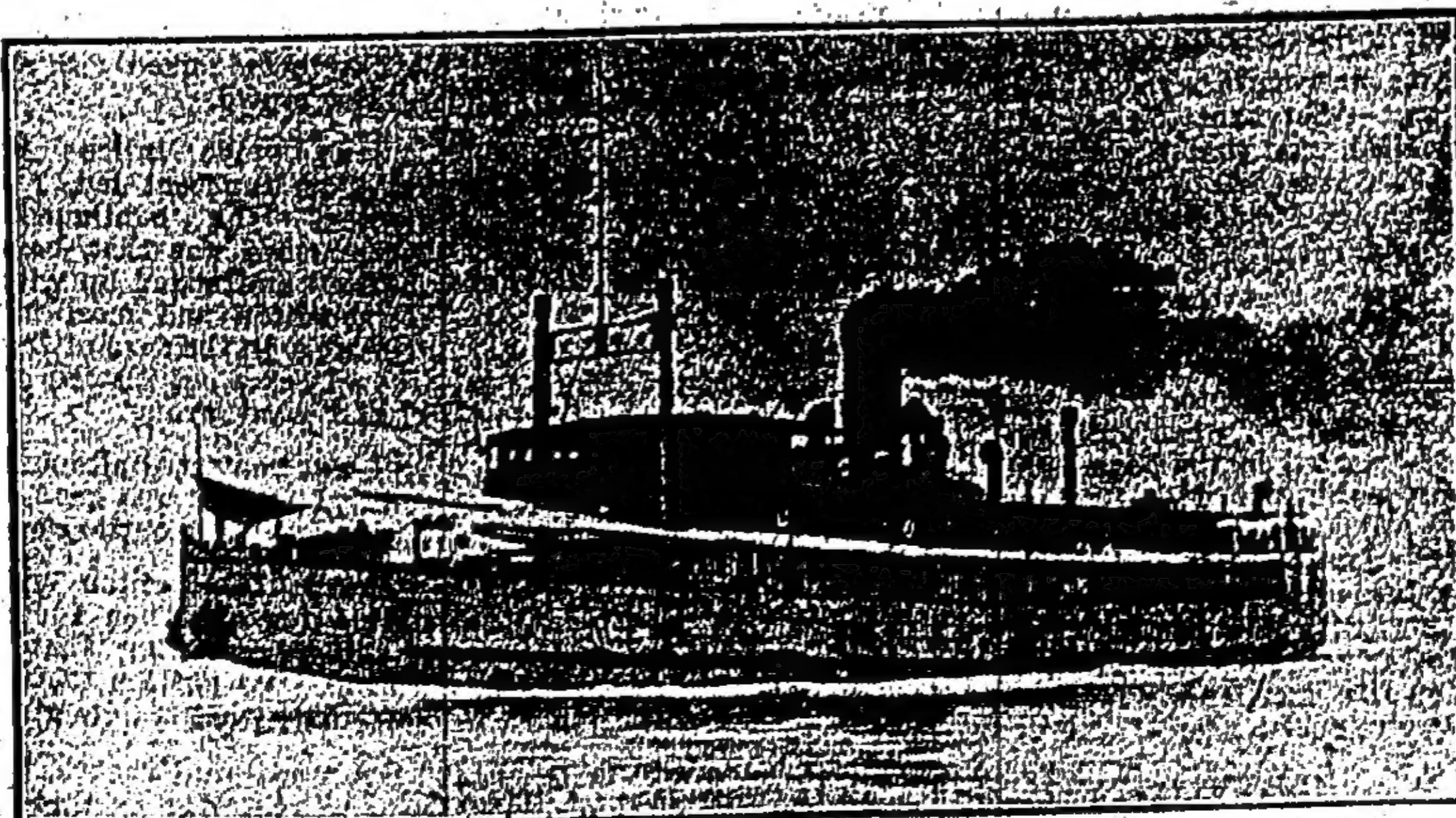
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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
LAHORE	5,252	7th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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JEPPORE	5,318	2nd June	Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	5th June	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NOVARA	6,939	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
KIDDERPORE	5,334	14th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
JEPPORE	5,318	17th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
MALWA	10,988	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
ALIPORE	5,273	3rd May	Moji & Kobe
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yok
INANKIN	7,058	5th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
KHYBER	9,114	8th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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THIS MORNING'S OFFICIAL LANDING.



Above, on extreme left, is seen Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet saluting as he stepped ashore at Queen's Pier this morning to make his official landing. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

"RED" ACTIVITIES IN HONGKONG.

PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF LITERATURE.

It was revealed in Mr. Lindsell's Court this morning, that such Communists as were in Hongkong on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, sought to make a widespread distribution of Communist and other seditious literature on that day.

One such man, who was apparently a leader, was charged before the Magistrate, this morning, with being in possession of seditious literature. He pleaded that he found the papers, which were in his possession, in a dustbin, and had no idea as to their contents.

Defendant also had several "Red" placards in his possession, which denounced "Imperialism." One of the documents called upon adherents to the cause to "oppose all foreigners" and promised promotion of every "Red" picket to the rank of a "Red Terror Comrade."

On the defendant was also found the address of a house in Cross Street, which the police subsequently raided and in which were discovered thirty-six sheets of "anti-Imperialist" documents, 629 translations of the Red Flag, which were described as Communist but not seditious, as well as seventy-nine pamphlets, which were distinctly seditious in parts.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed by his Worship.

In connexion with the raid on No. 7, Cross Street, a man and a woman were also charged, but the evidence offered by the police was such that the Magistrate was not satisfied that the defendants were in actual possession of the documents. They were accordingly discharged.

RECENT MOTOR INCIDENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR OBTAINS ASSISTANCE.

In a press report of Wednesday last, under the heading:—"A car in a pond." Charge against Miss G. Gale falls on a technically Drunk or nervous?" appears the following:—"Sergeant Tyler, on being called, said that His Excellency the Governor's A.D.C. went to Shamshui Police Station in an excited condition."

The fact is that the Governor, who was driving along the Tai Po Road on the afternoon of the 29th February, saw a motor car in a ditch, and a lady, apparently in distress, seated in the car. He then drove himself with Captain Whyte, A.D.C., to the Shamshui Police Station to obtain assistance, and returned bringing a police Inspector with him in his car, while other police officers followed later, on His Excellency's instruction, to give assistance.

BANDITS EXECUTED.

Ichang, Mar. 22.

Bandits have been executed both here and at Shasi. The situation at the latter place is quiet. Naval Wireless.

AMERICAN NAVAL VISIT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hongkong Baseball League, is endeavouring to make the necessary arrangements. Local teams have signified their willingness to meet the Americans and if the difficulty of a ground can be overcome, interesting games should result.

The American ships are expected to stay in Hongkong for ten days.

After leaving Hongkong, Admiral Bristol will go to Shanghai aboard the Pittsburg and the destroyers will conduct their usual summer target practice at Chefoo, where the submarines will also have their base. It is expected that the ships will be away from Manila for about six months.

Distinguished Naval Career.

Rear Admiral Mark Lambert Bristol was born at Glassboro, New Jersey, on April 17th, 1863. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1887 and became an Ensign on May 19th, 1889, and was made Captain on July 1, 1913. He has served in all classes of ships of the U.S. Navy on all the chief stations of the world. He was on board the battleship Texas at the Battle of Santiago and also served throughout the Spanish-American War. He has been closely connected with the development of modern gunnery in the U.S. Navy and of torpedoes and aircraft.

He was in charge of the aeronautical development of the Navy from 1913 to 1916 and was commanding the North Carolina in 1917, conveying troops to Europe during the Great War. He commanded the Oklahoma, Battleship Division six, in European Waters in July, 1918, and was Commander of the U.S. Naval Base, Plymouth, England, from October, 1918, until January, 1919. He was also a member of the International Committee of Enquiry into the Greek occupation of Smyrna in September and October, 1919.

COLONIAL GOVERNOR PENSIONS.

ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SERVICE.

London, Mar. 22.

The Committee, over which Earl Buxton presided, and of which Capt. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore was a member, which inquired into the position of Colonial Governors with special reference to pensions, recommends that the pensions for the four classes of Governors should be the following rates for each year of service:

First-class: £72.

Second-class: £60.

Third-class: £48.

Fourth-class: £36.

The total pension from all sources shall not exceed £2,000 per annum.—*Reuter.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Earl Head, Devon, and its immediate surroundings. 2. First edition of Milton's "Lycidas." 3. The Bank of England. 4. Carrow, Lovelace, Petch, Herring, 5. A mythical monster, half man, half horse. 6. Harvard College, founded 1636. 7. R. D. Blackmore, Joseph Conrad, Edgar Allan Poe, Rudyard Kipling, George du Maurier. 8. (a) "God Save the King," (b) "La Marseillaise," (c) "Die Wacht am Rhein," (d) "The Star-Spangled Banner." 9. Chronos. 10. Leader of the Lollards; first English historian; translator of the Bible; Dean of St. Paul's and famous poet. 11. Elber. 12. A legal authority for one person to act for another in the transaction of his business.

STORMY PASSAGE FOR DUTCH BILL.

FINANCE MINISTER AGAIN SEEKS REFUGE.

The Hague, Mar. 22.

Another shock for the Finance Minister occurred in the Second Chamber to-day, when it refused to pass Article 2 of the Bill authorising the taxation of nationals abroad.

On the resumption of the debate, the article, which authorises the Crown to grant exemptions and to make complementary adjustments in the tax, was discussed and rejected.

The Finance Minister accordingly asked for an adjournment of the debate. When the Bill was first before the House, several clauses proved objectionable and to avoid its defeat, the Finance Minister sought refuge in an adjournment and subsequent amendments.—*Reuter.*

"KING" OF THE CAT BURGLARS.

MAN WHO WANTED REVENGE.

"There is no doubt that he is the cleverest cat burglar in the Kingdom." He is known, and properly known, as the "king of cat burglars."

This was the description given by the police of Arthur Sherwood, 49, who, at Bromley, was sentenced with Richard Miller, 37, to three months' hard labour, on a charge of being a suspected person. Both men were arrested by Flying Squad detectives in a residential district between Bickley and Chislehurst.

Detectives Inspector Wood said that Sherwood had been convicted a great number of times, and there were three convictions against Miller. Sherwood, he said, would climb up almost anything. He and Miller were a dangerous combination, and the police "very lucky" in making this very important arrest.

Sherwood said that he had served in the Boer War, and after leaving home mixed with a cosmopolitan crowd.

"I was made callous because, being an innocent lad, I got six months," he continued. "The consequence was that, being associated and mixed up with these cosmopolitan and most hardened criminals on the face of the earth, when I came out instead of going right I went wrong."

"I was convicted although innocent. I wanted to get revenge upon society for putting me there."

These cosmopolitan criminals waited for me when I came out of prison, knowing that I was willing, they made a tool of me. I was only what society made me."

Sherwood said that he served in the Great War on three different fronts. "I was known as the 'Crown and Anchor King,'" he added. "I made £18,000 during the war, and I went into business, which failed."

The Chairman of the Bench congratulated the police on their capture.

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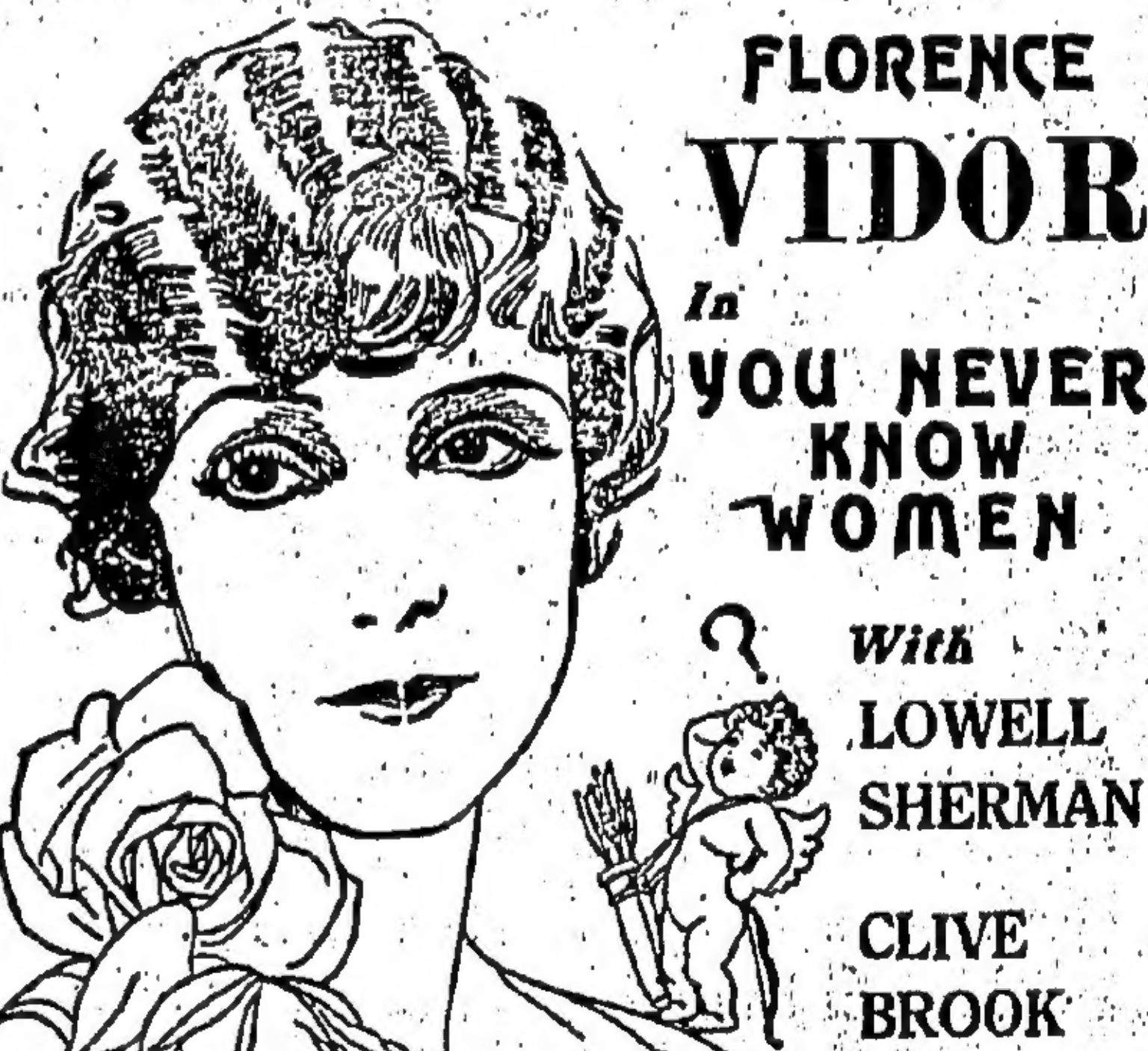
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